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WINNIPEG, SEPTEMBER 20, 1897.

BUYING LAND

The high prices obtained for wheat this season has created quite a strong desire among the farmers to increase their land holdings. A farmer from a western point, who was in the city this week, stated that he had offered a neighbor \$25 per acre for his land, as he was desirous of adding to his farm, but he could not get the land. From other sources we learn that the farmers are buying considerable land adjoining their farms, where unoccupied lands can be obtained. While new settlers are seeking more remote or unsettled districts, the old resident farmers are endeavoring to pick up available lands in their districts.

LAND SALES

The improved situation in Manitoba is shown by the large increase in land sales this season. Nothing indicates confidence in the country better than land sales, as it shows that people have come to stay. Mr. Griffin, of the Canadian Pacific Land department, informs The Commercial that their sales have been very much in excess of last year, and last year was considered a good year, sales being in excess of most previous years. The land sales to the end of July aggregated \$298,000, or almost equal to the total sales for 1896. The August sales this year exceed August of 1896 by threefold. The best part of the year is to come

yet, the fall months being the big months for sales of farm lands. From other sources we learn that the sales of land in the Winnipeg district this season are vastly in excess of previous years.

PROSPEROUS CANADA

The large crop in Ontario this year has already created a great improvement in business there, and all reports speak of good times. In Toronto, where the jobbing trade, particularly in the dry goods branch, has been depressed for some time, reports are now very hopeful. With both the East and the West enjoying prosperous times, Canada should make great advancement during the next year.

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tion of our requirements from the Pacific province.

BIG LEATHER DEALS

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DOES WHEAT GROWING PAY

This question is one of importance in Manitoba, and it is one which has been answered frequently in the negative as well as in the affirmative. Some writers have contended that it does not pay, but practical experience seems to be against the latter contention. During a series of years in which low prices have ruled, the farmers of Manitoba have been steadily improving their position and forging ahead. Of course our farmers have not depended on wheat alone, but at the same time wheat growing has by all odds been their chief dependence. It seems impossible that our farmers could have prospered the way they have, if wheat growing even at the low prices ruling of late years did not prove generally profitable. Much of course depends upon the individual. Some men fail in business where others have done well and some farmers, through bad management, lack of knowledge, or perhaps unavoidable misfortune, will barely be able to maintain themselves, while others will go ahead and prosper.

But whatever may be said about the profit in growing wheat in recent years of low prices, there can be no question regarding the profitable nature of the industry in a year of good prices, like the present. A Manitoba farmer sold 22 cars of wheat in Winnipeg last Tuesday at 97 cents per bushel, delivered afloat Fort William, or equal to 84 1-2 cents per bushel on track at the country point whence they were shipped. This farmer has raised 17,000 bushels of wheat this year, and he had the wheat threshed

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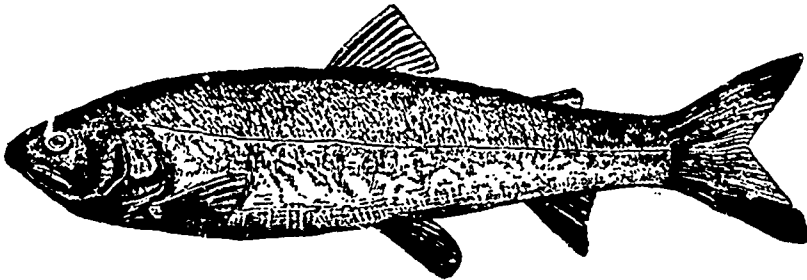
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This farmer operates on a large scale and some may imagine that on this account he could produce wheat more cheaply than the average farmer. Experience, however, indicates that the rule does not work that way. The large farmer must depend upon hired help, whereas the smaller farmer can keep his work more largely under his own control, and can give his personal attention to many of the details of farm work which the large wheat farmer cannot do. The differ-

HARVESTING IN MANITOBA

ence is in favor of the farmer who operates on a moderate scale and gives attention to live stock and dairy interests, in connection with his wheat growing. What the large wheat farmers have done, the farmer who operates on a moderate scale can also do, and that with a larger proportionate profit from the various sources of revenue which he may have, provided his operations are guided by intelligence and energy.



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be performed in a short time, hence it is that our farmers must be amply provided with the most improved, labor saving machinery. In Manitoba it is not an uncommon thing to see a string of several binders follow each other around an immense field of wheat. The illustration showing four binders at work on one field, is not at all an exaggeration. On some of our big farms a dozen or more binders are employed during the harvest.

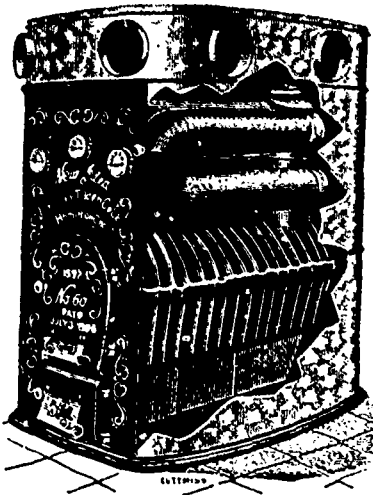
This explains why it is that the work of cutting the crop is one of such comparatively short duration. It scarcely takes two weeks of favorable weather to place the crop in shock or stook, and the bulk of the crop is often cut in a single week. Once cutting is begun the binders are often kept constantly at work, with relays of horses, from early morning until late at night. Even during meal

hours the machines are often kept going, by a change of hands and horses, and sometimes even the binders are kept going all night. Thus a single machine will cut from one to two hundred acres in a couple of weeks. The harvest season is a busy time in Manitoba and there are few laggards here at present.

THE KLONDYKE GOLD

Last week The Commercial referred to the working of the northern gold territory for the benefit of all the people. We referred to the demoralizing tendency of the gold craze excitement, which would be checked if the government undertook the work of mining for the treasures of the country. The letter from William Ogilvie, published in The Commercial last week, points strongly to the necessity of government control of rich

mining territories. A mining craze not only has a demoralizing effect upon a community, by unsettling men's minds and rendering them less capable of fulfilling the duties of life, but it also results in permanent advantage to but a very limited number of those who actually go to the gold districts. Mr. Ogilvie also refers to the reckless life of the mining camps and the reckless manner in which the miners squander their gold after securing it. Mr. Ogilvie says the average miner seems to vie with his associates in spending his money as fast as he can, and in mining camps the facilities for getting rid of wealth are about as complete as they can be made. Thus the wealth which belongs to the people at large is recklessly squandered in vicious living by the few who get possession of it. Why not control this wealth for the general public good?



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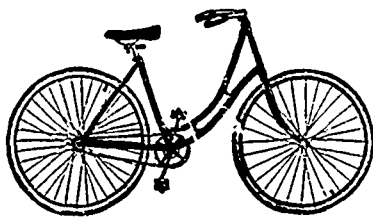
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PRACTICAL IMPERIALISM

Leading British papers have had a great deal to say about trade with Canada of late. One of the most sensible of these articles, under the heading given above, appeared in the London Mall. It is as follows:

The British Empire has been built up on business lines, and on business lines it is going to be held together. Sentiment counts for something, but the strongest tie between England and her colonies is the tie of mutual interest. On national holidays we will all sing "Rule Britannia," and hoist the Union Jack, and drink the health of the Queen, but during the plain prosaic weeks of working days that come between we will draw closer together in an effective union of hearts and pockets by doing business with our colonies. We would no more speak disrespectfully of the Imperial ideal than of the Equator, but the backbone of that ideal is a real community of business interests.

Canada has grasped the situation. Her recent legislation has opened the way to cultivating Imperial patriotism by the development of trade within the Empire. She is following up her legislative opening by a practical and prosaic effort to cater for the English market, whilst opening her own markets on preferential terms to English exports. In order to buy more from us, she must sell more to us, and in order to meet the expected increase of imports from England she is working hard to increase her exports to England. There should be no difficulty about this. We imported last year food products to the value of six hundred million dollars, of which only seven per cent came from Canada. Our fellow-subjects of the Dominion calculate that they can supply at least a third of this total, and they mean to do it.

Meat, fruit, eggs and cheese are the staple products which Canada can put on the English market. Her immense and fertile territory will enable her to meet our demands in full. The Canadian government has already begun the great task of making the Dominion food purveyor to the British consumer, and it only needs sustained and loyal effort on both sides of the Atlantic to make the scheme a success. On the other side they are subsidising ship owners to provide facilities, of transport, encouraging the producer by granting a bonus for the creation of cold storage accommodation, and safeguarding our interests by stringent laws against adulteration of butter and cheese. The manufacture and sale of oleomargarine in Canada is absolutely prohibited, and severe penalties are imposed on the fabrication of "imitation" cheese—a nefarious blend of cotton seed oil and bad butter. Experiments in the trans-

port of chilled meat have been made, and have proved completely successful. Furthermore, Canada is now represented in England by a commissioner deputed to study the needs of the English market, and it is intended to appoint two permanent officials in this country to supervise the development of trade in Canadian food products.

Our Canadian friends may fairly look to us to meet them in a helpful spirit. They want to unite the British empire, by selling us their food-stuffs and by buying our manufactures. We are, of course, quite ready to sell. Let us be equally ready to buy. If Canada can give us as good butter and eggs as we now import from France, let Canadian produce rule on the British breakfast table. There must be reciprocity if the plan is to succeed. And that way lies the welfare of England and the empire. We want a backbone of commercial interest to stiffen the sentiment of Imperial union. Men will die for an ideal, but they seldom live a working life for it unless it is based on a good business foundation. Canada is anxious to work with us for the good of the empire—and Canada in particular. We can surely work with her for the same estimable objects, having a shrewd eye to the domestic interests of England as well. Imperial patriotism plus commercial advantage provides a capital working programme.

ROUTE TO THE YUKON

What is troubling a great many people just now is the best route to the Yukon. The route via Edmonton has a good many advocates. Rather we might say the routes via Edmonton, as the now famous gold country can be reached by following several routes after passing beyond Edmonton. One route via Edmonton would be to follow the Mackenzie river to the far north, before crossing over to the Yukon, while there are other routes by following up tributaries of the great Mackenzie river system. While the route via Edmonton is a long one, it has the advantage of running through a comparatively open country for a great part of the distance, and is also a well established route of travel, used for many years as the great artery of the fur trade. The Edmonton route could undoubtedly be developed by rail and water, so as to render the great northern gold country comparatively easy of access. It also has the advantage of being entirely through Canadian territory.

Another route which is talked of much is the Stickeen, through British Columbia, which is also through Canadian territory. By the latter route steamers would be taken at say Victoria or Vancouver or any other Pacific coast ports to the Stickeen river,

thence up the river, then a portage of about 125 miles to Teslin lake, whence navigation can be opened through to the Yukon. The link needed to provide quick transportation via this route is a railway connecting the Stickeen river with Teslin lake. It has recently been announced that the Canadian Pacific railway contemplate the construction of the necessary railway link. Steamers for shallow inland navigation would have to be built.

The routes mainly followed this year have been away around the mouth of the Yukon river, and thence a very long trip up that river to the gold regions, or across the passes via Dyea. The former route involves an exceedingly long and round-about trip by water, while the latter necessitates a passage over very difficult mountain passes, where snow, ice and glaciers abound all the year round. Both these latter routes also involve a passage through the United States territory with its attendant harassing customs regulations. No doubt a great many people will go via the Edmonton route next year, while if the Stickeen route is found to be as favorable as has recently been reported, it will no doubt also be opened up.

BRITISH COLUMBIA BUSINESS REVIEW

Vancouver, Sept. 13.

Business is steady and the greatly increased trade of the province is being well sustained. Provisions have an upward tendency. Dairy butter is advancing and creamery is expected to go still higher. Cheese is firm at half a cent advance. By the Aorang, a large consignment of fruit, frozen mutton and Australian canned meats arrived. The fruit was badly needed as the market was rather bare, owing to the numerous quantity condemned by the British Columbia authorities that had reached here from Seattle and the Sound. The Australian mutton is also finding a sure but rather slow sale. The canned goods are of excellent quality, fully as good as the Chicago brands, it is said, and can be sold much cheaper. Flour is held at last week's figures, although it is expected that it will again advance sharply. The early rain did little damage to crops here. The hay and oat crop will be large. Farmers will be pretty well through harvesting in two weeks time, when oats and hay, it is expected, will be top heavy at present prices.

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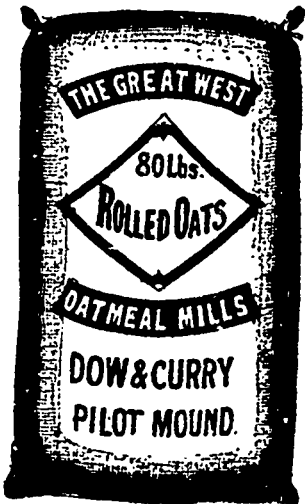
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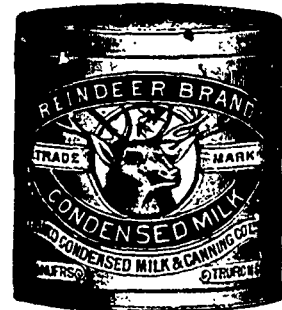
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WAR AMONG THE BAKERS

Winnipeg bakers have been much exercised of late over the unruly conduct of one of their number in refusing to adhere to the price agreement governing the sale of bread. The price of bread was recently reduced to sixteen two pound loaves for \$1. Before the advance in flour the price was twenty loaves for the dollar. A north end baker named Lidster, however, has lately been selling bread at the old price of twenty loaves for one dollar. When the unruly master baker could not be coaxed into making terms regarding the price of bread, harsher measures were adopted. An effort was made to stop his supplies, and even to interfere with his customers. It is alleged that he was refused yeast by city vendors of that article, and an effort was also made to cut off his supply of flour, but the manager of the Lake of the Woods Milling company, who supplied him, refused to listen to appeals to boycott the baker. Other bakers also refused to supply grocers who bought bread from Lidster. A very peculiar feature of the matter is the fact that representatives of the local labor organization have been active in endeavoring to squeeze the refractory baker. It will certainly be surprising to learn that the labor interest is in favor of trade combination, especially when it is associated with dear bread.

ALLEGED GRAIN COMBINE

There has been considerable talk for some days about an alleged combine in the local grain trade. We contemplated discussing the matter in The Commercial last week, but finally decided to defer the matter until this week in the hope of gaining further insight as to the truth of the reports. In the meantime, however, publicity has been given to the rumors through the daily press. The Commercial has no capital to make out of the matter, so that it is not in our interest to either exaggerate the reports on the one hand nor endeavor to conceal or defend anything on the other.

The situation appears to be about as follows: A few years ago a number of the largest grain firms associated themselves together, and have been doing business since as the Northern Elevator Co., controlling a large line of elevators throughout our wheat districts. This company has been familiarly known as "The Syndicate." This year two new companies were formed, in each one of which a number of grain firms or dealers were associated together, thus forming, with the Northern Elevator company, three large amalgamated companies, each one controlling a large line of coun-

try elevators. The formation of these strong companies and the construction of a large number of new elevators this season, rendered the outlook somewhat exciting for the coming season's grain trade.

Just as the grain season began to open, rumors came into circulation that a gigantic combination was being formed in the grain trade. That these rumors had some foundation was evident from certain circumstances which came to the knowledge of those familiar with the grain trade. One circumstance was the discharge of buyers who had been engaged to represent different companies and firms, in buying grain at country points. The discharge of these men pointed to the probability that some understanding had been arrived at as to the handling of wheat in the country. It is also stated that one man at Fort William and another one at New York, will represent all the amalgamated companies, as well as some other firms not supposed to be in the amalgamated companies. What the exact nature of the arrangement is, however, The Commercial cannot at present explain.

As already stated, The Commercial has no capital to make out of the matter by shouting monopoly and posing as a mighty champion of the farmer. Neither have we anything to gain by any elaborate defence of the grain trade. If there is anything to expose which would prove detrimental to the producer, The Commercial will not shrink from exposing it. At the same time, we do not think the farmers have very much to fear. Whatever there may be in the way of a combination in the grain trade, we do not believe that any combination to control prices is practical. It is true that practically all the large firms which buy directly from the farmers and control lines of country elevators, are alleged to be in the combine. But there are still a large number of independent dealers who are not in the syndicate, pool or combination, or whatever it may be. Then we have the millers who must be reckoned with. Besides the many smaller millers, we have the Ogilvie Milling company and the Lake of the Woods Milling company, either of which are able to hold their own against any possible combination in the grain trade. The millers may be depended upon as a competing factor, and we may say the principal competing factor in the market. It is well known that in past seasons the millers have frequently forced prices to such an extent as to practically put the exporters out of the market.

The present indications are that the grain trade in Manitoba has been over done. Elevator building has certainly been over done at many points,

on the present basis of agricultural population and crop area. Too much competition has probably necessitated some sort of amalgamation of interests, but before getting up a big agitation over the matter it would perhaps be well to wait and see what the result will be. It is an easy matter to calculate wheat values, and if any attempt is made to depress prices it will be quickly made known.

MANITOBA WHEAT PRICES

There has been some talk of late about wheat prices being higher in Dakota, south of the boundary than in Manitoba. This is a matter which crops up every season, and which on investigation usually proves to be an imaginary grievance. At times wheat at a certain point in Dakota may be higher than at a given point in Manitoba. The reverse is also quite often the case. Prices sometimes vary quite widely in country markets, owing to some local cause. In Manitoba markets, little spurts often occur, owing to some local fight among buyers or some other cause, which may lead to a temporary advance in prices, far above legitimate values. All these things have to be considered in connection with the reports about high wheat prices in Dakota. It is a well known fact that last season prices paid to farmers in Manitoba averaged considerably higher than prices paid at corresponding points in Dakota. The Commercial investigated prices paid in Manitoba and Dakota on Tuesday and Wednesday last, with the result that there was an easy difference of one to two cents in favor of the Manitoba farmer, averaging the prices at a number of markets selected at random, all over the country.

The Excelsior Life Insurance Company of Ontario is now regularly enrolled with the other companies licensed to do business in Canada, its deposit of \$50,400 in government and municipal debentures having been accepted by the department at Ottawa. Formerly this company did business only in Ontario province.

The aggregate supplies of breadstuffs in Europe and afloat therefor, and in store in the United States and Canada on September 1, 1897, were equal to 87,078,100 bushels against 77,900,200 bushels on August 1, 1897; and 126,488,900 bushels on September 1, 1896. The increase during August was equal 9,172,900 bushels against a reduction of 10,840,100 bushels during July, and a decrease of 2,193,800 bushels during August, 1896. The aggregate supplies are 39,413,800 bushels less than reported a year ago. —Chicago Daily Trade Bulletin.

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Grocery Trade Notes.

A Toronto report says: The feature this week is an advance in currants. The first shipment of new crop fruit is expected in about two weeks. It will find stocks of old fruit pretty well cleaned up.

Offers of new crop Japan rice were received for direct shipment next December. The prices named showed an advance of about one shilling from those named at the opening of the season last year.—New York Journal of Commerce.

There is a difference of about 2 cents per pound between the California Valencias and the foreign in United States markets, and a difference of 3-4 cents per pound between the foreign Sultanas and the California product. This would appear to give the California raisin, the exclusive call there.

Hill Bros. in their latest circular, say, with regard to currants: The retention law has passed the Greek chambers, and has resulted in a strong advancing market in Greece, the price of Provincials having advanced from 13s 0d to 13s 3d c, and L. to 14s 6d to 15s 0d c, and F. The crop is variously estimated at from 140,000 to 155,000 tons, and deducting the 15 per cent taken by the government, leaves available for export to all consuming markets only 119,000 to 132,000 tons, which quantity is considered to be well within the consuming power of the various countries.

A broker says in the Montreal Gazette: "We think you will find on further enquiry that all advices from Japan for the past three weeks have been of a steady advance in prices of tea there, with a quick falling off in the quality of offerings. Many Canadian buyers still say they expect a drop of 1c to 2c in teas, but where this is to come from those in close touch with Japan fail to see. The probability is that those jobbers who have bought have done better than others can now do. Canada may have a full supply of low grade poor-drawing teas from all countries on account of the new law in the States, though of good drawing Japan teas, to retail at 25c (the great demand in Canada) we think the Canadian trade will later find that the scarcity is greater than has been for years."

The pure food departments of Ohio and Michigan have issued an embargo against Dutch granulated sugars containing "blueing." The whole affair is the merest quibble, says an exchange, inasmuch as a barrel of Dutch granulated does not contain enough blueing to kill a rat. It is used in order to improve its appearance, and the present trouble, is said to have arisen from a desire on the part of the American Sugar Trust to cripple the importation of Dutch sugars in these states.

The Montreal Gazette says. Since our last report of the sugar trade a much stronger feeling has prevailed, especially in the foreign markets, for the raw article, which is based upon reduced estimates of stocks in Germany. London cables quote beet at 9s 11-2d September and October. A year ago beet sugar, was quoted at 8s 11-4d September and 9s 2-4d October. German sugar could be laid down in New York this time last year, under the tariff then existing, at 73.25 per 100 lbs, as against 55.09 to-day. This is explained by the increased duty and the fact that the bounty granted by Germany on exports is added to the United

States duty, making 38c. The New York market for refined has ruled stronger, and prices have advanced 1-16c per lb all round; granulated now being quoted at \$1.78 per 100 lbs, net. There has been a better demand for raws, and sales of crystal, have taken place at 3 1/2-18c and 3 7/8c.

New crop Grenoble walnuts are offered for first early shipments via Havre at 69 to 70 francs per 100 kilos, and from Genoa at 66 francs, at which price a fair business has been done. Mail advices of the crop were that it promised well both as to quality and quantity, but latest cables advise that quantity prospects are not as good as at first expected.

Grain and Milling.

Bready, Love & Tyron will build elevators at Boharm and Caron.

The grain standards' board will meet in Winnipeg on Sept. 22.

The Montreal Gazette of Saturday last says: The demand for Manitoba flour from abroad continues, and another sale of 1,000 sacks was made, for shipment to London, at an advance of 1s per sack of 280 lbs, over the highest price paid yet.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says since the news of the failure of the oat crop in Ireland there have been more cable orders for oats than for a long time past, and sales have been reported to us of 30,000 bushels No. 2 white over the cable at 29 1/2c afloat, 8,000 bushels at 29c afloat; 16,000 bushels at 29 1/2c and 8,000 bushels at 29 3/4 cents afloat. Some holders, however, have refused to offer as they believe in higher prices in the near future.

The Hardware and Paint Trade.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says Quotations all round are very firm, white lead especially being on the eve of a further advance, the advance at sources of supply within the last two weeks amounting to fully 1-4c.

At a conference of Northern and Southern furnacemen in Chicago it was agreed to advance the price of foundry iron 25 to 50 cents, with intimations that further advances might be looked for. On the same day barbed wire and wrought iron pipe were advanced 5 per cent. at Pittsburg. Structural material has been marked up a dollar or two, and Pittsburg has added \$1.05 to beams and channels. Bessemer pig is up 25 cents, billets \$1, wire nails 5 cents, and very large sales of iron ore have been made.

A Toronto report says: Owing to the strong advance in pig lead (imported), price now being 4 1/4c lb., shot has again advanced; discount is now 12 1/2 per cent., and lead pipe is also higher, discount being reduced to 27 1/2 per cent. Iron pipe, black and galvanized, is now sold at net figures running from 2c to 14 1/2c per foot for 3-8 to 2 in. in size, and subject to change without notice.

Financial and Insurance Notes.

An increase of \$200,000 has been made in the capital stock of the Sun Life of Canada. The capital now stands at \$700,000 and the amount paid up has been increased from \$62,500 to \$105,000.

The Royal Victoria Life Insurance company, which has been organized under a charter obtained at the last session of the Dominion parliament, held its first annual meeting of share-

holders in Montreal on September 4. The following board of directors was elected: Andrew F. Gault, James Crathern, Hon. Sir J. A. Chapleau, Hon. L. J. Forget, Robt. Mackay, Jonathan Hodgson, Hon. Jas. O'Brien, T. G. Roadick, M. D., John Cassis, Samuel Finlay, Rev. R. H. Warden, D. D., H. X. Bate, Gaspard Lemoine, David Morrice, David Burke.

D. R. Wilkie, general manager of the Imperial Bank of Canada, was in Winnipeg last week, returning from a visit to the western agencies of the bank. He has since gone east.

Iron and Metals Advancing.

The market is firm and advancing all along the line. Especially does this apply to pig lead, which is now firmly held at 3 3/4c to 4c, according to quantity. Copper and tin are also higher. The consumptive demand for all kinds of metals is daily increasing, due to the great improvement in trade in the United States. Dealers throughout the country got so educated to declines during the past three years that stocks are low all over. The present demand is, therefore abnormal. Pig iron is firm, Some American makers ask \$1 per ton more.

Manufactured steel plates, bars, sheets, angles, etc., are all moving upwards, and consumers are beginning to realize that it is somewhat difficult to obtain reasonably prompt delivery.

Iron pipe and boiler tubes are firmly held at the advance, and higher prices are anticipated in the near future. The general situation is regarded by merchants as extremely hopeful, some going so far as to predict that, if we are not on the eve of a boom, we are very near it.

Galvanized iron—Demand has been good from stock, and some gauges are reported as scarce. The weather is everything that can be desired for roofing, and so long as that continues the demand will likely keep up. We quote "Gorbals' best, No. 28 gauge, at \$4.15; "Queen's Head," No. 28 gauge, at \$4.15; Morewood's, according to quality, 4 1/4c to 6c.

Tinned iron—There is a fair demand at unchanged prices; Gorbals best and Bradley, 6x30 x No. 24 basis, 5 1/2c. Other sides and gauges, usual extras.

Lead pipe—Owing to the advance in raw material, prices have been advanced. We now quote 7c per lb. for water pipe, and 7 1/2c for waste and composition pipe, subject to a discount of 30 per cent off.

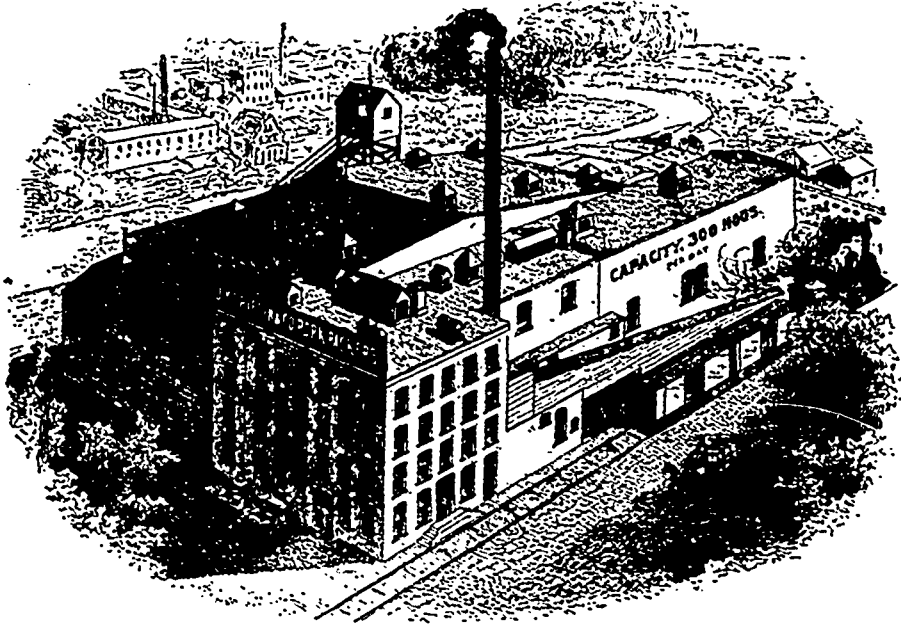
Pig lead—Owing to still further advances in the English market, prices here are now 3 3/4c to 4c, according to quantity. The market is bare of stocks, and dealers have no difficulty in getting these rates.

Iron pipe—Prices are firm at the advanced rates recently noted, with a large business doing. The demand during this fall is expected to be heavy.—Montreal Gazette.

Dry Goods Trade.

The Canadian cotton mills will hereafter sell direct to wholesalers instead of as heretofore only through D. Morrice & Sons. It is alleged that the shareholders objected to the large profits made by that firm which they say aggregated \$60,000 to \$70,000 per annum.

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Winnipeg Hardware and Metal Prices.

Tin—Lamb and Flagg, 56 and 28 lb ingots, per lb 19@20c.

Tin Plates—Charcoal plates, I C, 10 x 14, 12 x 12 and 14 x 20, \$4.50@4.75; I X, same size box, \$5.75@6; I C, charcoal, 20 x 28, 112 sheets to box, \$8.50@9; I X, box, 20 x 28, 112 sheets, \$10.50@11.

Terne Plates—I C, 20 x 28, \$8.50 @ 9. Iron and Steel—Bar iron, 100 lbs., base price, \$2.10 band iron, 100 lbs., \$2.05@2.75; Swedish iron, 100 lbs, \$5.25 @6; sleigh shoe steel, \$3@3.25; best cast tool steel, lb., 9@11c; Russian sheet, lb., 12@13c.

Sheet Iron—10 to 20 gauge, \$3; 22 to 24 and 26 gauge, \$3.25; 28 gauge \$3.50.

Canada Plates—Garth and Blaina, \$3.15. Galvanized Iron—American, 20 gauge, \$3.75; 22 and 24 gauge, \$4; 26 gauge, \$4.25; 28 gauge, \$4.50 100 lbs.

Iron pipe is quoted as follows per 100 feet: 1/2 inch, \$2.50; 3/8 inch, \$2.75; 1/2 inch, \$3; 5/8 inch, \$4; 1 inch, \$5; 1 1/2 inch, \$7; 2 inch, \$8.50; 2 1/2 inch, \$11.50.

Lead—Pig, per lb., 4 1/2 to 5c.

Sheet Zinc—In casks, \$6.00 lb., broken lots \$6.50.

Solder—Half and half (guar) per lb., 14@16c.

Ammunition—Cartridges—Rim fire pistol, American discount 40 per cent; rim fire cartridges, Dominion, 50 and 5; rim fire military, American, net list; central fire pistol and rifle, American 12 per cent; central fire cartridge, Dominion, 30 per cent, shot shells, 12 gauge, \$6 @ 7.50; shot, Canadian, soft, 6c; shot, Canadian, chilled, 6 1/2c. Robin Hood powder, 17 lb kegs, \$10; 1/2 kegs, 4 1/2 lbs, \$3; Canister, 9 oz., 60c. Loaded shells, 12 gauge, soft shot, \$18 per 1,000. No. 10 gauge, \$20.70 per 1,000.

Dupont Powder—Dupont Rifle FFG, 25-lb keg, \$5.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$2.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$6.60, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$8.50, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.25; Dupont Rifle FFG, 25 lb keg, \$5.25, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3.00, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$9.00, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$9.75; Dominion Rifle, 25 lb keg, \$5.75, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$3, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$7, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$11, cases of 48 1/2 lb canisters, \$12; Sea Shooting Fg, 25 lb keg, \$6; Manitoba Sporting, 25 lb keg, \$8.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$4.25, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$9.00; cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$13.00; Eagle Ducking, 25 lb keg, \$11.00, 12 1/2 lb keg, \$5.75, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$12.00; Crystal Grain, cases of 4 6 1/2 lb kegs, \$14.00, cases of 24 1 lb canisters, \$17; Blasting, 25 lb keg, \$3.00. Dupont Smokeless powder, 12 1/2 lbs, \$22.00, 6 1/2 lbs, \$11.25, 3 1/2 lbs, \$5.75, 1/2 canisters, \$1.00.

Wire—Galvanized barb wire, \$2.60@2.65 100 lbs.; Plain wire and staples, \$2.75.

Rope—Sisal, lb., 6 1/2@6 1/4c base; manilla, lb., 7 1/2@8c base; cotton, 1/2 to 1/4 inch and larger, 16c lb.

Axes—Per box, \$6@9.

Nails—Cut, keg, base price, \$2.50 for 20 to 60d., with new classification of extras; common steel wire nails, 4 1/2@6 inch, \$2.65 per keg, with usual extras for smaller sizes.

Horse Nails—Pointed and finished, oval heads. List price as follows: No. 5, \$7.50 box No. 6, \$6.75; box; No. 7, \$6 box; No. 8, \$5.75 box; No. 9, 10 and 11, \$5.50 box. Discount off above list prices 45 per cent.

Winnipeg Prices of Paints, Oils, Glass, etc.

Following are close jobbing prices, as to quantity:

White Lead—Pure, \$6.15 100 lbs. Prepared Paints—Pure liquid colors, gallon \$1.15@1.25.

Dry Colors—White lead, pound, 7c; red lead, kegs, 5 1/2c; yellow ochre in barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrels, 3c; golden ochre, barrels, 3 1/2c; less than barrels, 4c; Venetian, red, barrels, 3c; less than barrels, 3 1/2c; American vermilion, 15c; English vermilion, \$1 per lb., Paris green, 18@19c; Canadian metallic oxides, barrel lots, 2 1/2c; less than barrel lots, 3c; English purple oxides, 100 lb. kegs, 4c; less than kegs, 4 1/2c lb.

Varnishes—No. 1 furniture, per gallon, \$1; extra furniture, \$1.35; pale oak, \$1.50; elastic oak, \$1.75; No. 1 carriage, \$1.50@1.75; hard oil finish, \$1.50@2; brown Japan, \$1; house painters' gold-size Japan, \$1.50; coach painters' do., \$2 @2.25; No. 1 orange shellac, \$2; pure orange shellac, \$2.50.

Sundries—Glue, S. S., in sheets, 1b 12 1/2 @15c; glue, white, for kalsomining, 16 @25c. Stove gasoline, case, \$4; benzine, case, \$4. Axle grease, imperial, case, \$2.50; Fraser's axle grease, case, \$3.75; Diamond axle grease, \$2.25 case. Coal tar, barrel, \$7. Portland cement, barrel, \$4@4.25; plaster, barrel \$3.25; plasterers' hair, P. P., 90c bale. Putty, in bladders, barrel lots, 2 1/2c lb., do., in 100 lb kegs, 2 1/2c., do., less than barrels, 1 1/2c. Alabastine, cases of 20 pkgs., \$6.50@7.50 as to color.

Window Glass—First break is quoted at \$1.75 per box of 50 feet and \$2 for second break.

Linseed Oil—Raw, gal., 53c; boiled, gal., 56c in barrels; less than barrels, 5c gallon extra, with additional charges for cans.

Turpentine—Pure spirits in barrels, 55c; less than barrels, gallon, 58c. An additional charge for packages for small quantities.

Oils—Range about as follows: Black oils, 25@30c gallon; clear machine oils, 33@40c; cylinder oil, 50@75c, as to quality; castor oil, 11c per lb; tanners' or harness oil, 65c; neatfoot oil, \$1; steam refined seal oil, 85c; pure winter bleached sperm oil, \$2 gallon.

Refined Petroleum—Prices here are as follows: Silver star, 18 1/4c; crescent, 22 1/2c; oleophene, 23 1/2c in barrels. Car lots, 1c gallon less. United States oils in barrels are quoted at 27c for eocene and 24c for sunlight.

Winnipeg Lumber Prices.

These prices are retail quotations at Winnipeg, such as contractors and others buy at. The mills quote delivered prices at various points.

Dimension and Timber—No. 1, 2x4 to 2x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$18.50, 18 ft, \$19.50, 20 ft, \$20.50, 22 ft, \$21.50, 24 ft, \$22.50; 3x6 to 3x12, 4x4 to 4x12, 6x6 to 6x12 and 8x8, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$20.00, 18 ft, \$21.00, 20 ft, \$22.00, 22 ft, \$23.00, 24 ft, \$24.00; 8x10 to 12x12, 12, 14 and 16 ft, \$22.00, 18 ft, \$23.00, 20 ft, \$24.00, 22 ft, \$25.00, 24 ft, \$26.00; 2x4, 10 ft, \$20.50; 2x6 to 2x 12, 10 ft, \$18.00. No. 2 dimension, \$1.50 less than No. 1. Dimension, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$26.00. Timber, 26, 28 and 30 ft, \$28.00. \$1.00 per M advance on each inch over 12 inch in depth and width. Tamarac dimension same price as pine. Spruce dimension at \$2.00 per M less than pine. Cull plank, all widths at \$12.00 per M. B. C. fir dimension up to 32 feet at \$30.00 per M., 32 to 40 feet, \$33.00, 40 to 60 feet \$36.00. \$1.00

per M extra for each 2 in. over 12 in. in width or depth.

Boards—1st common, red pine, \$25.00, 2nd common, \$18.00, 3rd common, \$16.00; No. 1 cull, \$12.00, No. 2 cull, \$8.00; spruce, \$16.00. \$1.00 per M extra for stock boards. \$2.00 per M less for 10 ft. and under. No. 1 box, 1 1/4 in. and up, \$30.00, No. 2 box boards, 1 1/4 in. and up, \$26.00. Extra dressing \$1.50 per M.

Siding, Flooring and Ceiling—2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch, white pine, \$36.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch white pine, \$28.00; 1st and 2nd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$30.00; 3rd, 4, 5 and 6 inch red pine, \$25.00; 4th, 4, 5 and 6 inch, red and white, \$20.00; B.C. No. 1 fir, \$32.00; B. C. No. 2 fir, \$29.00; B.C. No. 3 fir, \$26.00; B.C. spruce, \$32.00; 4, 5 and 6 inch spruce, native, \$20.00; 8 and 10 inch pine, \$23.00; No. 1 cedar siding and ceiling, \$38.00; No. 2 cedar siding and ceiling, \$30.00; 1/2 inch cedar or fir siding and ceiling, \$26.00. \$1.00 per M advance for dressing both sides.

Bevel Siding—No. 1 white pine, \$26.00; No. 2 red and white, \$23.00.

Shiplap—Pine, 6 inch, \$18.00, 8 and 10 inch, \$20.00; Spruce, 8 and 10 inch, \$19.00, 6 inch, \$18.00; cull shiplap, \$16.00.

Shingles—B. C. cedar, per M, No. 1, \$2.50, No. 2, \$2.00; B.C. cedar dimension shingles, \$4.00; B.C. cedar dimension band sawed, \$5.00; No. 1 pine, per M, \$2.50, No. 2, \$2.00, No. 3, \$1.75.

Lath—Pine lath, per M, \$3.00.

Finishings—1 1/2, 1 1/4 and 2 inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$65.00, 3rd clear, \$55.00, selects, \$45.00, shops, \$36.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$32.00; B.C. cedar clears, \$55.00; B.C. fir clears and stepping, \$45.00; \$5.00 per M advance on 2 1/2 inch and thicker. One inch—White pine, 1st and 2nd clear, \$60.00, 3rd clear, \$48.00, selects, No. 1, \$38.00, selects, No. 2 (extra 1st com) \$30.00; red pine, clear, \$40.00, selects, \$30.00; B.C. cedar, clear, \$55.00.

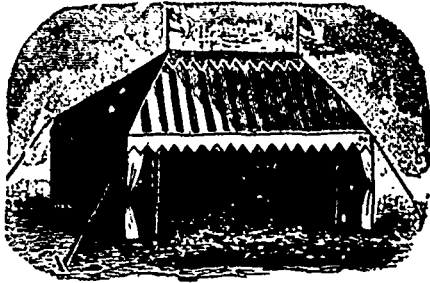
Oak—Red and White—1/2 sawed, \$85.00; 1st and 2nd, 55.00 to \$65.00; common, \$40.00.

Mouldings and Base—Parting strips, 100 feet lineal, 60c; lattice, 4x1 1/2, 100 feet lineal, 75c, 4x1 1/4, 100 feet lineal, 85c; window and door stop, 1 1/2 inch lineal, \$1.25, ditto, 2 inch lineal, \$1.50; 1/2 round and 1/4 cove, 75c; 1 1/2 round mould, \$1.50; 2 round mould, \$1.75; 2 1/2 round mould, \$2.00; 3 round mould, \$2.25; 3 1/2 round mould, \$2.50; 4 round mould, \$2.75; 4 1/2 round mould, \$3.00; 5 round mould, \$3.25; 6 round mould, \$4.00; 5 round window stool, 1 1/2, \$4.50; 6 round window stool, 1 1/2, \$5.25; 4 round casings, \$2.50; 5 round casings, \$2.75; 6 round casings, \$3.25; 8 round base, \$4.50; 10 round base, \$5.50; 12 round base, \$7.00; hand rail, 2x4, \$5.00; wainscot cap, 2 1/2 inch, \$2.35, 3 inch, \$2.75; paper mould, 75c. Moulding made from 1 1/2 stock add 25 per cent; 1 1/2 add 50 per cent. Hardwood mouldings or mouldings to-detail at special prices. All shop work at special net prices.

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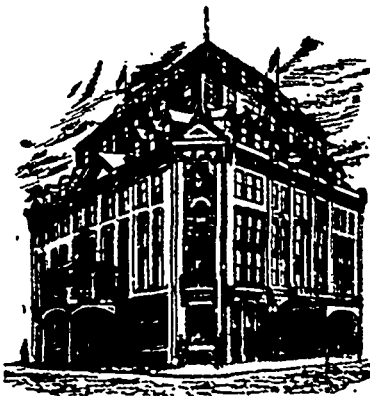
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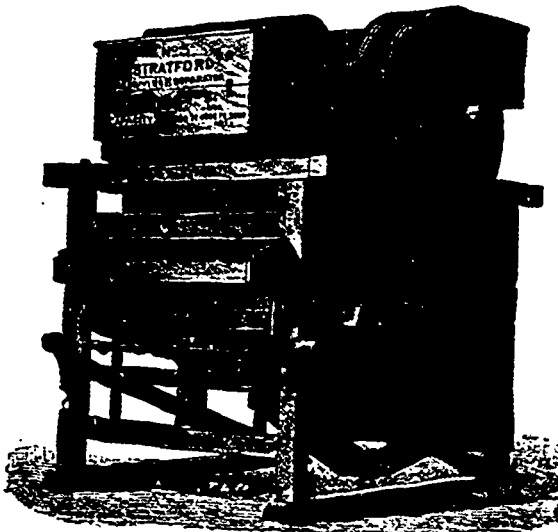
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	Per case		Per sack		Per pound		Per pound
Apples, 35, 2 doz.	2 25	Split Peas, sack 95	2 25	Brazils	12 1/2	China Blacks—	
Apples, preserved, 35, 2 doz.	3 50	Pot Barley, sack 95	1 80	Taragon Almonds	13	Choice	35 40
Apples, galtons (per doz.)	2 25	Pearl Barley, sack 95	4 00	Peanuts, roasted	13	Medium	25 35
Blackberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 50	Roller Oats, sack 80	1 75	Peanuts, green	10	Common	13 20
Blueberries, 25, 2 doz.	2 75	Standard Oatmeal, sack 65	2 00	Grenoble Walnuts	15	Indian and Ceylon—	
Beans, 25, 2 doz.	1 50	Granulated Oatmeal, sack 95	2 10	French Walnuts	13	Choice	32 40
Corn, 25, 2 doz.	1 50	Beans (per bushel)	1 25	Sicily Filberts	12 1/2	Medium	25 32
Cherries, red, pitted 25, 2 doz.	1 75	Cornmeal, sack 95	1 45	Shelled Almonds	25	Common	22 28
Peas, Marrowfat, 25, 2 doz.	1 80	Cornmeal, 1/2 sac 49 (per 1/2 sac)	0 75			Young Hysons—	
Peas, sifted, 25, 2 doz.	2 00			Syrup		Choice	35 45
Peas, Bartlett, 25, 2 doz.	3 50			Extra Bright, per lb.	3 1/2	Medium	28 35
Peas, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 75			Medium, per lb.	2 1/2	Common	22 30
Peas, 2 doz.	3 00			Maple, case 1 doz. 1/2 gal. tins	\$7 00	Japan—	
Pineapple, 25, 2 doz.	5 00			Molasses, per gal.	35c	Finest May Picking	35 40
Pineapple, imported, 25, 2 doz.	5 00					Choice	30 35
Peaches, 25, 2 doz.	4 00			Sugar		Medium	25 30
Peaches, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 75			Extra Standard Granulated	4 1/2	Good Medium	20 25
Peaches, Canadian, 35, 2 doz.	5 00			German Granulated	4 1/2	Common	15 20
Plums, 25, 2 doz.	3 50			Extra Ground	6 c		
Plums, California, 2 1/2, 2 doz.	4 50			Powdered	6 c		
Pumpkins, 35, 2 doz.	2 25			Bright Yellow Sugar	4 1/2		
Raspberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 25			Maple Sugar	12 1/2		
Strawberries, 25, 2 doz.	3 50						
Tomatoes, 35, 2 doz.	2 25			Salt			
Salmon, talls, 15, 4 doz.	5 50			Rock Salt	1 1/2		
Salmon, Cohoes talls, 15, 4 doz.	5 00						
	Per tin.						
Sardines, domestic 1/2s	06 08						
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Sardines, imported, 3/4s	18 25						
Sardines, imp. 1/2s, boneless	20 35						
Sardines, Dom., mustard 1/2s	10 12						
	Per doz.						
Imported Fresh Herring, 15, 1	50 1 75						
Imp. Klipped Herring, 15, 1	90 2 00						
Imp. Herring, Tom. Sauce 15, 1	90 2 00						
Imp. Anch. Sauce 15, 1	90 2 00						
Imp. Shrimp Sauce 15, 1	90 2 00						
	Per case.						
Corn Beef, 15, 2 doz.	3 00 3 25						
Corn Beef, 25, 1 doz.	7 75 3 00						
Lunch Tongue, 15, 2 doz.	6 50 7 00						
Lunch Tongue, 25, 1 doz.	6 25 6 50						
Brawn, 25, 1 doz.	2 50 2 75						
Pigs Feet, 15, 2 doz.	6 00 6 50						
Roast Beef, 25, 1 doz.	2 75 3 00						
Chicken, Duck or Turkey, 15	2 doz. 50 5 00						
	Per doz.						
Potted Ham, 1/2s	75						
Devilled Ham, 1/2s	75						
Potted Tongue, 1/2s	75						
Potted Ham, 3/4s	1 50						
Devilled Ham, 3/4s	1 50						
Potted Tongue, 3/4s	1 50						
	Per pound.						
Coffee							
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Following are prices for parcel lots, with usual reductions for broken packages.

Alum, lb	3 1/2	4 1/4
Alcohol, gal.	5 50	5 75
Bleaching Powder, lb	06	08
Bluestone, lb	06	07
Borax	11	13
Bromide Potash	05	75
Camphor	05	75
Camphor, ounces	86	90
Carbolic Acid	40	65
Castor Oil	13	15
Chlorate Potash	25	30
Citric Acid	55	65
Copperas	03 1/2	04
Cocaine, oz	4 50	5 00
Cream Tartar, lb	30	35
Cloves	20	25
Epsom Salts	03 1/2	04
Extract Logwood, bulk	14	18
Extract Logwood, boxes	18	30
German Quinine	30	40
Glycerine, lb	30	35
Ginger, Jamaica	30	35
Ginger, African	30	35
Howard's Quinine, oz	45	55
Iodine	5 00	5 50
Insect Powder	30	40
Morphia, sul.	3 00	3 25
Opium	4 50	5 00
Oil, olive	1 25	1 40
Oil, U.S. Salad	1 25	1 40
Oil, lemon, super	2 75	3 25
Oil, peppermint	4 00	4 50
Oil, cod liver, gal.	75	2 25
Oxalic Acid	13	16
Potass Iodide	3 75	4 00
Pari Green, lb	75	20
Saltpetre	10	12
Sal Rochelle	30	35
Shellac	35	40
Sulphur Flowers	3 1/2	05
Sulphur Iodide, krg	3 1/2	05
Soda Bicarb, keg of 112 lbs	3 75	4 25
Sal Soda	2 00	3 00

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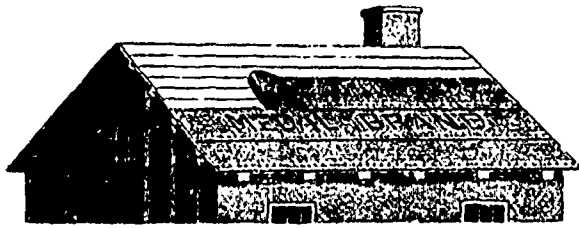
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Manitoba.

W. C. Van Nostrand, who purchased the hardware and lumber business of Rex Bros., at Elkhorn, has sold the hardware department to S. Sylvester, of Virden, and will continue the lumber line alone. The purchase by Van Nostrand was reported in The Commercial last week, as was also the purchase by Sylvester, but the latter was not reported as a re-sale by Van Nostrand.

Mining development in Northwestern Ontario is giving Winnipeg business, which is not generally known of Stuart & Harper, machinery dealers, Winnipeg, have had considerable work of late for Lake of the Woods mines.

Coppleman & Epstein, general merchants, Selkirk, have dissolved partnership, and Coppleman has sold his interest in the business to Mr. Camintsky.

A. M. Hunt, formerly with Geo. Craig & Co., Winnipeg, will open in dry goods at Brandon.

The Lako of the Woods Milling Company are shipping a lot of 16,000 bushels of Manitoba wheat to Australia this month.

The Souris Coal Mining Company of Winnipeg have been working for some time at their mine putting in improvements and preparing for a large output this season. About \$7,000 has been expended in new machinery for the mine, and the work of turning out coal will begin at once.

W. J. Guest, Winnipeg, has his freezer now in operation for freezing up game for sportsmen and others who wish to hold their birds.

The general stock of the estate of P. W. Reimer, of Kleefeld, amounting to \$6,000, will be sold by auction in Winnipeg on Sept. 21.

Geo. D. Woods & Co., wholesale hardware merchants, Winnipeg, have decided to erect a new warehouse at the corner of McDermott and Alfred streets. The foundation will probably be put in this fall.

Mr. Bantry's dwelling house and implement shed at Wawanesa were burned last week. The fire is supposed to have been started by a passing train. Some machinery was burned.

W. J. Taggart, blacksmith, Elkhorn, Man., advertises his business for sale.

E. Gullbault, manufacturer and merchant, St. Boniface, Man., is adding lumber to his lines of business.

Northwest Ontario.

Cornelius Jarvis & Co's last monthly mining report says: Prices for the leading companies closed for the month: Saw-Bill, \$2.55-\$2.65; Hawk Bay, 90-95; Empress, 8-5c; Foley, \$2-\$2.20; Princess, 25-30c; Hammond Reef, 30-35c; Bannockburn, 5-10c; Hiawatha, 10-15c. Locations in prospectors hands have been in good demand, more especially those situated in the Saw-Bill and Seine River districts, and have sold freely at prices varying from \$200 and government charges, to \$1,200. Locations with demonstration work changed hands at figures ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000, while options have been arranged at considerably higher figures. Amongst others a Steep Rock location was taken at \$10,000 by English capital. Cameron Island was sold for \$15,000. H. B. 88, \$12,000. T. 167 A. L. 181 optioned at \$85,000, and K. 22 at \$12,000.

During August letters patent were issued incorporating the following

companies: The John Dwyer Gold Mining Co., of Toronto, Ltd., capital \$450,000 in \$1 shares. The Hastings Silver Lead Mining Co., Ltd., capital \$50,000, in \$10 shares. The Hiawatha Gold Mining and Milling Co. of Ontario, Ltd., capital \$500,000 in \$1 shares. The Great Granite Gold Mining and Development Co. of Ontario, Ltd., capital \$5,000,000 in \$1 shares. Supplementary letters patent have been issued by which the \$100 shares of the Eagle Nest gold Mining Co. of Ontario, have been re-divided into \$1 shares.

Mr. Taylor, one of the gentlemen who succeeds to the proprietorship of the K. Furniture company, of Rat Portage, has been with the company for several years. Mr. Horn comes from Winnipeg. The business will be continued by Horn & Taylor.

Freight Rates.

The Montreal Trade Bulletin says: Grain engagements have been made at 2s 9d Liverpool, which is 3d advance upon last week's rate. London freights are firmer at 1s 9d to 2s. with business at the inside figure. Bristol freights have been engaged at 2s 9d, which is 3d above last week's quotations. Glasgow is also firmer at 1s 9d to 2s. The Liverpool and London rates on sack flour have advanced 1s 3d with business at 11s 3d to 12s 6d. Bristol is firm at 12s 6d to 13s 6d, and Glasgow 8s 9d to 10s. Cheese steady at 25s to London, Liverpool and Glasgow, and at 30s to Bristol. Butter 80s London, Liverpool and Glasgow, and 80s Bristol, 10s extra being charged for cold storage, for which there is a fair demand. Cattle freights 50s Liverpool, 45s Glasgow, 35s London, and 37s 6d Bristol. Horses £4 for London and Liverpool. The rate of freight on wheat from Lake Superior ports have advanced 3-4c per bushel, heavy engagements being reported at 61-4c from Du uth and Fort William through to Montreal. Rates have also advanced on corn, about 250,000 bushels having been engaged by one of our transportation companies at 5s to 51-4c per bushel from Chicago through to Montreal.

Hides, Wool, etc.

Over a million pounds of wool were auctioned off at the Wool Exchange at New York on Sept. 9. The prices realized were in some cases better than the market values.

Lambskins have advanced 5c. at Montreal to 50c each.

Manitoba Crop Reports.

Brandon—Crop all cut and 90 per cent stacking done. Threshing is being pushed vigorously. Weather cool and windy.

Rounthwaite—Threshing well advanced and wheat all one hard, though it is not turning out as heavy a yield as at first calculated on. Weather changeable and considerable time lost over rough weather and almost daily showers.

Wawanesa—Cutting is finished and threshing general. General average, wheat 18, barley 30, oats 30. First severe frost this morning, cut down all tender garden stuff.

Hilton—Not much change in crop conditions since last report. Two heavy rains have somewhat retarded threshing operations. The returns so far do not help the average of 12

bushels per acre any. The grain is a very good sample but very dirty.

Belmont—Weather has been fine during the past week for threshing, which is in full swing now in this vicinity. The wheat crop is turning out a good sample, and yield is as large as expected. Other grains equally as good.

Baldur—Farmers still very busy stacking, 90 per cent of which will be finished this week. Threshing operations going on in full force. Nine machines at work in this vicinity. Weather continues very favorable.

Somerset—The weather for the past week has been good, but threshing is being delayed on account of a scarcity of machines. Stacking is about finished and grain is all in good shape for threshing.

Miami—Threshing is going on slowly. Grain not turning out as well as expected. About 15 bushels per acre will be about the average in this district. No frost to date.

Rosebank—All stacking will be finished in a few days. Threshing is well under way. The yield will not be over 14 or 15 bushels per acre of wheat, of which 18 to 20 was expected.

Roland—Weather fine. Stacking about completed. Threshing general. From six to seven thousand bushels of wheat being marketed daily, grade No. 2 hard.

Morris—Stacking is about completed and threshing is general. Grain turning out not as well as expected. In this locality the average will be about 17 bushels to the acre. Those through stacking are now at the ploughing.

St Jean—Two very light rains during the past week. Generally pleasant. We made our first shipment of wheat last evening.

Letellier—During the past week weather has been most favorable for the harvesting of the grain. We have had no rain to delay operations to any extent. Threshers are making good headway and the grain is coming to market as fast as they can thresh it. The average number of bushels to the acre, in a great many cases, is turning out a little more than at first reported. We have had little frost as yet and all late grains are safely harvested. On account of the dry weather the roads are in excellent condition and the farmers are enabled to bring their grain to market with little trouble.

Emerson—Threshing continues brisk. Some stacking, but those who can manage are threshing from the stock. The yield varies from 8 to 15 bushels per acre, sample is good. Grain very dirty as it comes from thresher, weeds having had a remarkable growth. Plowing going on steadily as fast as can be managed.

Portage la Prairie—Weather generally has been favorable for threshing and this work is being rushed. Yield will be somewhat less than previously estimated.

WINNIPEG CLEARING HOUSE.

The following are the clearing house returns for the week ending Sept. 16:

Week ending	Sept.	Clearings.	Balances.
16, 1897	...	\$1,450,536	\$281,815
Week ending	Sept.		
16, 1896	...	1,142,508	171,762

The estate of J. W. Lang, wholesale grocer, Toronto, who recently failed, after selling stock to his book-keeper, will pay 29 cents on the dollar. Montreal sugar men are largely interested. Total liabilities are \$80,000.

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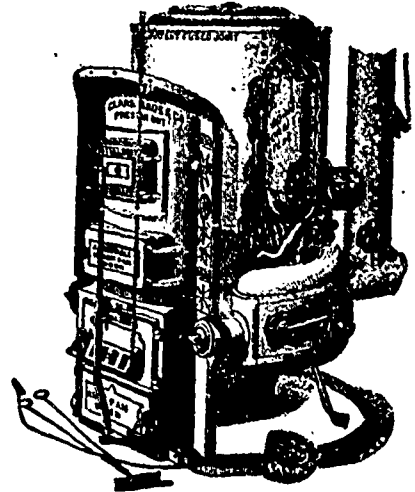


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Western Business Items

The Hooper Fuel Co., Winnipeg is succeeded by the Winnipeg Coal Co.

J. D. McLeod has opened a general store at Prince Albert.

Thos. Marks & Co., general merchants Port Arthur, are reported to be consolidated the mercantile branch of their business with that of G. O. P. Clavet & W. C. Doble & Co.

E. Selley, baker, Morden, is down with typhoid fever. He has sold out his business to M. E. Wilson.

McMillan's steam elevator at Emerson, Man., with a capacity of thirty thousand bushels, was burned on Thursday evening, with 8,000 bushels of wheat. The wheat belonged to several different persons, including several farmers, who were insured. D. H. McMillan & Co., (Dominion Elevator Co.) were insured.

Jas. Ellerington, stoves and tinware, Elkhorn, Man., has sold out to G. Silvester, and will continue with the purchaser in charge of the tin-smithing department.

The world's shipments for wheat last week were 8,800,000 bushels.

New York Wheat.

New York, Sept. 13. — The entire force of local scalpers went at the wheat market with battering rams this morning and beat prices off 2 5-8 cents from Saturday. Cables were much lower, the visible supply made the first big gain for the season and foreign houses tumbled a load of selling orders into the market. December dropped from 99 1-8 to 97 3-8, having closed Saturday at \$1. Corn also felt the effects of wheat's big drop and ruled dull and heavy all forenoon.

Wheat receipts 327,000 bushels; exports 39,723 bushels; sales 4,605,000 bushels futures; 240,000 bushels spot. Spot quiet; No. 2 red \$1.02 5-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 3 hard \$1.01 7-8 to \$1.02 1-8 delivered. Options opened weak under bearish foreign news, liquidation and foreign selling, further declined owing to lower later cable, but rallied late with corn and closed fairly steady at 11-8 to 2c net decline; No. 2 red Sept. \$1.00 1-8 to \$1.01 5-8, closed \$1.00 5-8; Oct. closed 99 1-2; Dec. 96 1-2 to 97 5-8, closed 97 7-8.

New York, Sept. 14. — Wheat receipts 154,850 bushels; exports, 485,589 bushels; sales, 2,130,000 bushels futures; 480,000 bushels spot, and at outports. Spot steady. No. 2 red, \$1.03 3-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard, \$1.02 5-8 to \$1.02 7-8 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened strong and advanced on bullish cables, generally uncovering and foreign buying, weakened under the heavy increase in Bradstreet's visible and closed rather weak at 3-8 to 3-4 net advance, but 1-2 under the highest point. No. 2 red, May, 98 to 98 11-16, closed at 98; Sept., \$1.01 3-8 to \$1.02 5-8, closed \$1.01 3-8; Oct., \$1.00 to \$1.00 1-4, closed \$1.00; Dec.,

New York, Sept. 15. — Wheat — Receipts 242,150 bushels; exports 49,770 bushels; sales 3,045,000 bushels futures; 500,000 bushels spot. Spot active, No. 2 red \$1.01 7-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard \$1.01 3-8 f.o.b. afloat; options opened strong on higher French markets, sold off under active liquidation and weak English news, but rallied late on heavy export purchases, closing 5-8 to 1c up from the bottom but 1-8 to 1c off from last night; No. 2 red May 97 1-4 to 97 7-8, closed 97 7-8; Sept. 99 7-8 to \$1.01, closed \$1.00 3-4; Oct. 98 3-8 to 99; closed 98 3-8; Nov. closed 98; Dec. 96 15-16 to 99, closed 97 7-8.

New York, Sept. 16. — Wheat receipts, 182,225; exports, 111,378; sales, 2,460,000 futures; 320,000 spot. Spot weak. No. 2 red, \$1.01 1-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern, Duluth, \$1.03 3-8 f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard, \$1.00 5-8 f.o.b. afloat. Options opened easy and with few exceptions, was weak all day, declining under bearish Argentine news, lower late cables and liquidation, closing 3-4 to 1 1-8 net lower. No. 2 red, May, 96 3-4 to 97 3-4c, closed 96 3-4; Sept., \$1 to \$1.00 1-2, closed \$1; Dec., 97 1-16c to 98c, closed 97 1-8c.

New York, Sept. 17. — Wheat — Receipts, 150,775 bus; exports, 19,748 bus; sales, 4,545,000 bus futures; 320,000 bus spot; spot weak; No. 2 99 1-2 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern, \$1.01 1-2 afloat; No. 2 hard, 98 1-2 f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 Northern, Duluth, \$1.02 f. o. b. afloat. Options opened higher on firmer Liverpool news than expected, turned weak and sold off all day, owing to liquidation. Spring wheat receipts and rumors of a bearish visible supply statement Monday, closed 1 1-8 to 1 1-4 net lower; No. 2 red May, 95 3-4 to 97 3-4, closed 95 3-4; Sept., 98 3-4 to \$1.00 1-2, closed 98 3-4; Oct.,

97 1-4 to 97 7-16, closed 97 1-4; Dec., 96 to 97 7-8, closed 96.

Chicago Board of Trade Prices.

Chicago, Sept. 13. — The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2 Sept., 94 1-2; Dec., 94 1-8 to 1-4; May, 94.
Corn, No. 2 Sept., 29 7-8; Dec., 31 7-8; May, 25 to 1-8.
Oats, No. 2 Sept., 19 3-4; Dec., 21; May, 23 7-8.
Mess Pork, Oct. \$8.27 1-2; Dec., \$8.32 1-2.
Lard, Oct., \$4.50; Dec., \$4.55.
Short Ribs, Sept., \$5.32 1-2; Oct., \$5.32 1-2.

Chicago, Sept. 14. — The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2, — Sept., 94 7-8; Dec., new 94 1-2 to 94 5-8; May, 94 1-4.
Corn, No. 2 — Sept. 30; Dec., 32 1-8; May, 35 1-4 to 35 3-8.
Oats — Sept., 19 5-8 to 19 3-4; Dec., 31 1-8; May 24.
Mess pork — Oct., \$8.17 1-2; Dec., \$8.25.
Lard — Oct., \$4.42 1-2; Dec., \$4.50.
Short ribs — Sept., \$5.20; Oct., \$5.20.
Receipts — Hogs, 12,000.

Chicago, Sept. 15. — The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2 — Sept., 94 7-8; Dec., 94 1-2 to 94 5-8; May, 94 1-4.
Corn — Sept., 29 3-4; Dec., 31 3-4 to 31 7-8; May, 35 to 35 1-8.
Oats, No. 2 — Sept., 19 1-2; Dec., 21 1-8; May, 23 7-8 to 24.
Mess pork — Oct., \$8.07 1-2; Dec., \$8.15.
Lard — Oct., \$4.41 1-2; Dec., \$4.50.
Short ribs — Sept., \$5.12 1-2; Oct., \$5.12 1-2.

Chicago, Sept. 16. — The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, Sept., 93 3-8; Dec., 93 1-8c to 1-4c; May, 92 7-8c.
Corn, Sept., 29 7-8c; Dec., 31 1-2 to 5-8c, May, 34 7-8c.
Oats, Sept., 19 3-8c to 1-2c; Dec., 21 1-8c; May, 23 7-8c.
Pork, Oct., \$8.17 1-2; Dec., \$8.25.
Lard, Oct., \$4.52 1-2; Dec., \$4.60.
Ribs, Sept., \$5.15; Oct., \$5.15.

Chicago, Sept. 17. — The leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat, No. 2 Sept., 92 to 1-8; Dec., 92 to 1-8; May, 91 1-2.
Corn, No. 2 Sept., 28 1-4; Dec., 30 1-4; May, 33 3-8.
Oats, No. 2 Sept., 19; Dec., 20 1-2 to 5-8; May, 23 3-8 to 1-2.
Mess Pork, Oct., \$8.25; Dec., \$8.32.
Lard, Oct., \$4.62 1-2; Dec., \$4.70.
Short Ribs, Sept., \$5.22 1-2; Oct., \$5.22 1-2.

On Saturday, Sept. 18, wheat opened at 91 3-4c, for December option and ranged from 91 1-8c to 92 3-4c

Closing prices were:

Wheat — Sept. 92 1-2c, Dec. 92 1-2c; May 92c.
Corn — Sept. 28c, Dec. 29 7-8c.
Oats — Sept. 19c, Dec. 20 1-2c.
Pork — Sept. \$8.42 1-2; Dec. \$8.50.
Lard — Oct. \$4.70, Dec. \$4.77 1-2.
Ribs — Oct. \$5.37 1-2; Dec. \$5.95.

A week ago September wheat closed at 96 5-8c. A year ago September wheat closed at 60 1-2c, two years ago at 57 1-2c, and three years ago at 52 1-8c.

MINNEAPOLIS WHEAT.

On Saturday, September 18, No. 1 Northern wheat closed at 91c for September, and 88 1-4c for December. A week ago September wheat closed at 95c.

WINNIPEG CLOSING WHEAT.

The market is weak and lower today — Saturday. Cables came in weak, and Liverpool was quoted 11-2d lower. United States markets were also lower. No. 1 hard sold here at 92 1-2c this morning afloat. Fort William, No. 2 hard 3c under No. 1, No. 3 hard 4c to 5c under No. 2. At the close United States markets were stronger.

DULUTH WHEAT MARKET.

No. 1 Northern wheat at Duluth closed as follows on each day of the week:

Monday — September 95c; December 91 1-2c.

Tuesday — September 95 3-8c; December 92 1-8c.

Wednesday — September 95c; December 91 5-8c.

Thursday — September 94 1-4c; December 90 1-2c.

Friday — September 93c; December 89c.

Saturday — September, 92 3-4c; December, 89 1-4c; May, 91 1-4c.

Cash — No. 1 hard closed on Saturday at 94 3-4c, and cash No. 1 northern at 92 3-4c.

Last week December option closed at 93 1-2c.

A year ago December option closed at 61c, and two years ago at 56c, three years ago September option at 55 5-8c, and four years ago at 64 1-2c.

NEW YORK CLOSING WHEAT.

On Saturday, Sept. 18, wheat closed at 98 3-8c for September and 95 3-8c for December. A week ago September wheat closed at \$1.02 5-8c.

MANITOBA APPLES.

As beautiful an apple as was ever plucked from a tree in Ontario or anywhere, was brought into the Free Press office. It was of a delicate rosy tint, large in size and firm in texture. That such an apple could have been grown on a Manitoba farm without special culture or protection is most surprising. The fruit was grown in Manitoba by Mr. J. Unlac, of Rathwell, and the tree is nicely loaded with fruit. The tree is a Dwarf of the Duchess of Oldenburg variety, purchased a few years ago from an eastern nursery. The only protection the tree had was what was afforded by a group of Manitoba maples. That the apple should mature its fruit is all the more noteworthy when all small fruits were killed this spring by the late frosts. Apples have now been successfully grown in three parts of the province, Portage la Prairie, Gladstone and Rathwell, and there can be little doubt but that in a few years Manitobans will be growing apples generally. There was some difficulty in growing apples in certain parts of Ontario, when the country was first settled, which has now disappeared. There is no reason why in the case of Manitoba history should not repeat itself.

The U. S. visible supply shows increases as follows: Wheat, 9,949,000 bushels; corn, 2,384,000 bushels; oats, 158,000 bushels.

A Paris cable says: "The government reports the yield of wheat in France will be 249,000,000 bushels, compared with 337,000,000 bushels last year."

Business in Canada.

Toronto, Sept. 16.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly statement of trade in Canada says: Nothing very special has developed in general trade conditions in Montreal within the week. The actual increase in the distribution of merchandise is gradual as yet, but the anticipated improvement will likely be all the healthier for this reason, and the feeling of confidence in the future is certainly becoming more pronounced and general. Collections as a whole can hardly be called good as yet, but improvement in this direction is expected from different quarters, and fairly liberal remittances are now calculated on for October and November. The money market is amply supplied with funds, and call money is still readily available at 3 1-2 per cent.

The business situation at Toronto is in good shape. Merchants are doing an improving trade in most lines and prices of leading merchandise are firm with the tendency upwards. Naturally the store trade has fallen off since exhibition week, but travellers are out on the road and meeting with success. Orders of a sorting-up character are fair and shipments of general goods are going forward. Trade for the season is ahead of that for several years and a better feeling prevails in all lines. Payments are good, and they are likely to continue so.

Farmers are busy threshing, most of the time being given to wheat. There is a scarcity of coarse grains, such as oats and peas, and prices of these are especially firm. Offerings of wheat are liberal and with lower prices at leading markets, our market has sympathized to some extent. The speculative fever in securities continues, higher prices are recorded in many cases and the sentiment generally is bullish. Loan and land companies issues are firm. Money is cheap, with call loans at Toronto quoted at 3 1-2 to 4 per cent. Sterling exchange weaker, in sympathy with the New York market. Call loans are firmer on Wall street, the demand for loans being exceptionally good. The Bank of England discount rate keeps at 5, while the open market rate continues at 2 1-2 per cent.

Failures for the week were forty, against thirty-four for the same week last year.

Friday's Wheat Prices.

The depression of wheat values during the past few days has had a tendency to decrease the deliveries at interior points, the receipts at C. P. R. elevators yesterday being some 40,000 bushels less than on Wednesday. On Wednesday the deliveries aggregated nearly 210,000 bushels, while yesterday the total did not reach 170,000 bushels. Quotations at provincial points have shown a downward tendency for some days and during the week there has been a total decline of three cents, yesterday's prices being one cent lower than the quotations of Thursday. The prevailing prices at points on the C. P. R. yesterday for No. 1 hard wheat were:

Main line—Bagot 78c, Poplar Point 7c9, High Bluff 79c, Burnside 78c, McGregor 78c, Austin 78c, Sydney 79c, Carberry 78c, Sewell 78c, Douglas 80c, Chater 78c, Kemnay 77c, Alexander 79c, Griswold 78c, Oak Lake 79c, Virden 78c, Hargrave 77c, Eikhorn 79c, Fleming 78c, Moosomin 78c, Whitewood 78c, Wolseley 76c, Sinaluta 76c, Indian Head 77c, Balgonie 77c, Re-

gina 77c, Pense 78c, Moose Jaw 80c, Glenboro branch—Souris 70c, Hartney 79c, Lauder 77c, Napinka 77c, Melita 74c No. 2 hard, Pierson 77c, Cainsborough 77c, Carnduff 77c, Ox-bow 77c, Alameda 77c, Carman 77c, Rathwell 78c, Troherne 78c, Holland 78c, Cypress River 79c, Glenboro 78c, Stockton 78c, Methven 79c, Nesbitt 78c, Pipestone 79c, Reston 81c, Carroll 78c.

Pembina branch—Morris 80c, Rosenfeld 78c No. 2 hard, Gretua 77c, Plum Coulee 77c, Winkler 76c, Morden 79c, Thornhill 80c, Manitou 78c, Lariviere 78c, Pilot Mound 80c, Clearwater 76c, No. 2 hard, Cartwright 78c, Holmfield 78c, Killarney 79c, Ninga 78c, Bolssevain 78c, Altona 76c, Carivale 77c.

Emerson 79c, Dominion City 79c, Otterburne 77c, No. 2 hard.

Live Stock Items.

The following live stock shipments are reported: John Wake shipped twenty carloads of cattle from Minnedosa to Montreal. Chalmers Bros. & Bethune shipped a mixed car of sheep and lambs to Winnipeg from Pilot Mound. Blair & Graham shipped two carloads of cattle over the Northern Pacific from Portage la Prairie, Man., to St. Paul, Minnesota, last week and will follow it with more shipments. Over one hundred cars of stock from points on the M. & N. W. R. reached Winnipeg last week.

London, Sept. 13.—The trade in cattle was firmer to-day. There were no Argentine cattle or sheep at Deptford, and supplies were somewhat smaller than usual. The market for United States cattle was stronger, and prices advanced 1-2c since this day week. Canadian cattle were firm. States sold at 12c; Canadians at 11c, and sheep at 11 1-2c.

There were no changes in the semi-weekly market at Montreal on Monday, Sept. 13. Light hogs sold at 53-4c and heavy at 5c.

Assiniboia.

J. Handley & Co., general merchant, Wolseley, has sold out to Frank Hockin.

Smith & Barnes, photographers, Moosomin, advertise their business for sale.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

At the semi-weekly market on Tuesday, Sept. 14, there was a little better demand for export cattle at 4 1-4 to 4 3-4c, only a few picked bringing the outside price. Butchers' cattle were rather slow at 3 to 3 1-2c for medium to choice, and a few picked touching 3 3-4 to 4c. Good feeders brought 3 1-4 to 3 3-4c. Lambs firm at 3 1-2 to 4c. Export sheep, 3 1-2 to 3 5-8c. Choice bacon hogs \$5.75 per 100 lbs., light fat \$5.25 to \$5.30, thick fat \$4.75 to \$5, sows \$3.25 to \$3.50, stags, \$2 to \$2.25.

DAIRY TRADE NOTES.

The Parsons Produce Company, Winnipeg, have purchased another car of government creamery butter. The government creameries are understood to be well cleaned up.

Ingersoll, Ont., Sept. 14.—Offerings to-day, 3,320 boxes cheese; no sales; 93-8c offered for colored, and 95-8c for white. Market dull.

J. H. Weldon, grain, etc., Thornhill, Man., has admitted Wm. Broadbent as partner.

ADULTERATED MUSTARD.

Out of sixty-six samples of commercial or table mustard analyzed by officials of the inland revenue department, only three were found to be genuine mustard. In Montreal every tin sold as pure mustard was found to be adulterated with wheat flour, maize, tumeric, pea flour, cayenne and millings. Mr. McFarlane, chief analyst, makes the following remarks: I submit a statement showing the results of analyzing sixty-six samples of commercial mustard, which were collected during the month of July. These samples may be classified as follows:

District.	Genuine.	Sold as compound or Mixtures.	Adulterated.
St. John	1	5	3
Quebec	0	1	9
Montreal	0	0	11
Ottawa	1	4	4
Toronto	1	3	4
London	0	1	7
Winnipeg	0	5	8
Totals	3	19	41

LONDON MONEY AND STOCKS.

London, Sept. 17.—Consols, for money, 111 9-16 do.; for account, 111 5-8; Canadian Pacific 76 3-4; Erie 19 1-4, Erie seconds 46 1-4, Illinois Central 111 1-4, Mexican ordinary 20 1-2, St. Paul common 104 5-8, New York Central 118 1-4, Pennsylvania 60 1-2, Reading 14 1-2, Mexican Central new fours 68 3-4.

MONTREAL STOCKS.

Montreal, Sept. 18.—C. P. R. in London, 76 3-4; C. P. R. in Montreal, 74 1-4.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, Sept. 17.—Money on call steady at 1 3-4 to 2 1-2 per cent, prime mercantile paper 4 to 4 1-2 per cent, sterling exchange weak with actual business in banker's bills at \$4 3-4 to \$4.85 for demand and at \$4.82 1-4 to 3-4 for sixty days, posted rates \$4.83 to \$4.84 and \$4.85 to \$4.86, commercial bills \$4.81 1-2 to \$4.82, bar silver 56 3-4c, Mexican dollars 43 1-4c, government bonds firm.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT.

Liverpool, Sept. 17.—3.45 p. m. —Wheat steady. No. 2 red western winter, 8s 11 1-2d. No. 1 red northern spring, steady, 8s 8d. Corn quiet; American mixed spot new, 3s 2 1-2d; do., old, quiet, 3s 8d; Sept., steady, 3s 2 1-4d.

DAIRY QUOTATIONS.

Montreal, Sept. 17.—Cheese—Weaker 9 to 9 1-2c.

Butter—Dull; no refrigerators for England next week makes the demand so much worse, 19 to 20c.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Liverpool, Sept. 17.—12.30 p.m.—Wheat—Spot steady. Corn—Spot quiet. Wheat—No. 1 red northern spring 8s 8d to 8s 9d; No. 2 red western winter 7s 11 1-2d to 8s. Corn—Spot American mixed new 3s 2 3-4d; old mixed 3s 3 1-4d. Receipts—Wheat for three days, 240,000 cwt., including 185,000 American. Receipts of American corn for three days, 151,800 cwt.

London, Sept. 11.—The rise in wheat to 40 shillings has dragged up the price of bread to 6 1-2d and 7d and in the poorest quarters of London, where bread is sold in slices, the loaf is selling at a shilling. On top of this the Millers' National union has started a demand for fewer hours of labor, with a threatened strike if their demand is not acceded.

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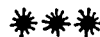


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BY WIRE TO THE COMMERCIAL.

Vancouver, September 18, 1897.

Creamery butter has made a further advance of 1c, and potatoes have advanced \$2 per ton. Cured meats are very firm and some are now asking higher prices, fresh meats are tending lower.

Butter—Manitoba dairy 18@20c; Manitoba creamery, 25 @ 28c.

Eggs—Eastern eggs, 17½c.

Cheese—Manitoba 10½ @ 11c.

Cured Meats—Hams 13½@14c; breakfast bacon 13½c; backs 11½c; long clear 10½c; short rolls, 10½c; smoked sides 10½c; Lard is held at the following figures: Tins 10½c per lb, in pails and tubs 10c lb.

Fish—Founders 9c; smelts 5c; sea bass 4c; black cod 5c; rock cod 4c; red cod 4c; tommy cod 5c; herring 4c; spring salmon 10c each; whiting 5c; soles 6c; smoked halibut 10c; kippered cod 9c; sturgeon 6c; smoked salmon 10c; finnan haddie 10c; kippered herring 12c; Columbia river oolochans 7c lb.; fresh halibut, 6c; sockeye, 4½c.

Vegetables—Potatoes, \$14.00 per ton; onions 1½c lb; cabbage 1½c lb; carrots, turnips and beets \$10.00 a ton.

Green Fruits—California lemons \$4.00 @ 4.25; bananas \$2.75 per bunch; cucumbers, 3 doz. box \$1.25; peas, 30 lb crate \$1.70; plums, 20 lb boxes, 30@40c; peaches, \$1.00; Grapes, \$1.50 box; Melons, \$3.00 per dozen; California plums, 90c@\$1.00.

Meal—National mills rolled oats, 90 lb sacks, \$2.80; 2 45 pound sacks \$2.80; 4-22½ pound sacks \$2.90; 10.7 sacks, \$2.00; Oatmeal, 10-10's, \$3.25; 2 50's \$3.00. Off grades, 90 lbs, \$2.50.

Flour—Delivered B. C. points—Manitoba patent per barrel \$6 50; strong bakers, \$6.25; Oregon jobbers price \$6.00.

Grain—Oats, new, 18@\$20 per ton. Ground Feed—National mills chop, \$23.00@\$24.00 per ton; ground barley \$22 ton; shorts \$21.00 ton; bran \$19.00; oil cake meal, \$35 ton; F.O.B. Vancouver including duty paid on imported stuff. Higher prices for bran and shorts next week.

Hay—\$14.00 per ton.

Dressed Meats—Beef, 7@7½c; mutton 7½@8c; Australian mutton, 5c; pork, 7½@8c; veal 7@8c lb.

Live Stock—Steers, grass fed \$3.75 per 100 lbs; sheep, \$3.75 per 100 lbs; hogs \$5.50 per 100 lbs; cows \$2.75 @ \$3.00.

Poultry—Chickens \$4.00@4.50 a doz. spring chickens, \$3.00; ducks, \$3.50.

Evaporated Fruits—Apricots 11c per lb; peaches 9c; plums 9@10c; prunes, French 5@7½c; loose Muscatel raisins, 6c; London layer raisins \$1.90 box; Italian prunes, 6@8½c lb.

Nuts—Almonds, 13c; filberts, 12½c; peanuts, 10c; Brazil, 12½c; walnuts, 13c lb.

Sugars—Powdered and icing, 6½c; Paris lump, 5½c; granulated, 4½c; extra C, 4½c; fancy yellows 4c; yellow 3½c lb.

Syrups—30 gallon barrels, 1½c pound; 10 gallon kegs, 2½c; 5 gallon kegs, \$1.50 each; 1 gallon tins, \$4 case of 10; 2 gallon tins, \$4.75 case of 20.

Teas—Congo: Fair, 11½c; good, 18c; choice 28c. Ceylons: Fair, 25c; good 30c; choice, 35c lb.

United States Trade Reports.

New York, Sept. 17.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say: The end of the bituminous coal strike and the return of many of the men to work at advanced wages adds to the purchasing power of the people and the anthracite strike affects not a fifth as many workers. The starting of many mines and works, the enormous export of wheat and corn, the favorable news as to the crop of cotton, the fall in sterling exchange and the report showing that gold imports began in August, exceeding exports by \$2,390,587, while merchandise exports exceeded imports by \$40,953,753, have all contributed to forward the improvement in business. The replenishment of stocks cannot be half finished, though some who could see no sign of improvement a few weeks ago are now finding it so vast and rapid that they fear a reaction when the tide rises after four years of depression it does not fall again after four weeks. The iron industry shows increasing demand and an average of price nearly one per cent higher due to purchasing by consumers.

The shipments of boots and shoes from Boston are 23 per cent. larger than for the same week of September last year, which, in turn, exceeded those of any previous year. But business is mainly for quick delivery, and orders for spring goods are still very much retarded by uncertainty about future prices. While leather is held firmly in spite of increasing business, hides at Chicago have taken the turn downward, declining an average of 3.8 per cent. for the week. Actual buying of wools by mills is increasing at all markets, with the belief that foreign supplies are short.

Failures for the week have been 204 in the United States, against 317 last year, and 40 in Canada against 32 last year.

BRADSTREET'S REVIEW.

New York, Sept. 17. — Bradstreet's to-morrow will say: Notwithstanding unseasonably warm weather and the appearance of yellow fever in several gulf states checking locally the distribution of merchandise, business throughout the country has increased more than anticipated. The centre of improvement is Chicago, which furnishes the most favorable trade report within five years. Advices from Kansas City, Omaha, St. Paul, and St. Louis also reflect actively in demand among jobbers and wholesalers. There is a temporary stimulus to business at Savannah owing to the withdrawal of competition from merchants at towns cut off by the yellow fever quarantine. Chattanooga, Memphis, Atlanta, Augusta, Galveston and even St. Louis anticipate a temporary falling off in business owing to the interruption to traffic in the gulf states and adjoining territory. The practical settlement of the bituminous coal strike, a further rising tide of demand for iron and steel products, the withdrawal from the market of some manufacturers of woollen goods, activity generally among manufacturers of woollens, extraordinarily large bank clearings, and reports that mercantile collections have improved contribute the features of the week.

Prices for thirty of the more important staples continue to show pronounced strength, only seven being lower than last week—wheat for Indian corn, lard and pork, the result of a natural reaction for preceding

advances, lead and cotton, which has begun to move more freely. Unchanged prices are reported in copper, coal, print cloths, leather, hides, oats and for wool, which remains very strong with an upward tendency. Higher prices are given for sugar, rice, coffee, butter, eggs, potatoes and canned goods, among food products, for woollen goods for spring delivery, for some grades of men's shoes, whiskey, white and yellow pine lumber, iron and steel bars, southern and bessemer pig iron and for steel billets.

MINNEAPOLIS MARKETS.

Flour is 15c lower than a week ago, Corn 1c lower. Flax 21-2c higher. Barley 1c higher. Eggs 1-2c lower. Butter 1-2c higher for dairy and 1-2c to 1 1-2c higher for creamery.

Flour—Prices in barrels: First patents \$5.30 to \$5.50; second patents \$5.15 to \$5.35.

Millfeed—Shorts in bulk, \$8.50 to \$9; bran in bulk, \$7.50 to \$8.

Corn—Quoted at 26c to 28c for No. 3 and No. 4.

Oats—21 to 21 3-4c for No. 3, and No. 3 white as to quality.

Barley—New, held at 26c to 27c, as to quality, per bushel of 50 pounds. Flax seed—\$1.06 1-2 per bushel.

Eggs—10 1-2c to 11c for strictly fresh candled, the latter price including cases.

Butter—Creamery, 12 1-2c to 18c dairy, 10c to 15 1-2c.

Cheese—Choice to fancy, 6 to 9 1-2c.

Dressed meats—Mutton, 6c to 6 1-2; yearlings do., 7c; lamb, 5 1-2c to 8 1-2.

Dressed hogs—4 1-4c for heavy; choice 4 3-4c to 5c.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Mullins & Wilson wire The Commercial the following reports of prices realized at the semi-weekly live stock market at Toronto, on Friday, Sept. 17th.

Toronto, Sept. 18.

Sixty-eight car loads were offered, including 1,800 hogs and 900 sheep and lambs.

Cattle—Exporters paid 4 to 4 1-2c. Butchers cattle sold at 2 3-4 to 3 1-2c. Bulls, 3 to 3 1-2c. Stockers, 2 1-2 to 3c. Feeders, 3 to 3 1-2c. Stock bulls, 2c.

Sheep—Export sheep brought \$3 60 per 100 pounds; bucks, 3c per lb.; lambs, 4 1-4c to 4 3-4c per lb.

Hogs—Hogs, best bacon, 57-8c per pound; thick fat, \$5 to \$5.25, and light fat, \$5.25 to \$5.50 per 100 lbs., weighed off cars.

MONTREAL LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Sept. 18.

The only change in live stock is a lower tendency on hogs, which ranged 1-4c lower at the last market. Prices are as follows:

Cattle—Export, 4 to 4 1-4c; choice shippers, 4 1-2c; cattle, butchers, 3 to 4c.

Sheep—2 3-4 to 3 1-4c.

Hogs—4 3-4c to 5 1-2c.

Exports this week were as follows. Cattle, 3432; sheep, 2217. Total exports for the season to date: Cattle, 25,500; sheep, 39,200; horses, 6,159.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Sept. 18.

Oats have advanced 1-4 to 1-2c. Eggs are 1-2c higher. Other lines quoted are the same as a week ago.

Oats—No. 2 white in store, 29 to 29 1-2c.

Flour—Manitoba strong bakers, \$5 to \$5.50; Manitoba patents, \$5.50 to \$5.85.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, including sacks, \$11 to \$11 50 per ton. Shorts \$12 to \$12.50.

Oatmeal—Rolled oats, \$1.60 to \$1.65 per bag.

Hides—Unchanged at 8c for No. 1 and 7c for No. 2.

Eggs—Fresh, 11c to 13c.

MONTREAL GROCERY MARKET.

Special to The Commercial.

Montreal, Sept. 18.

Sugars steady and firm. Dried fruits very firm. Teas, molasses and syrups firm. Canned goods weak and irregular. Granulated sugar, 4c in lots of over 250 barrels, and 4 1-10c for 100 barrel lots, at the refineries; yellows, 3 5-16c to 3 3-4c. Barbadoes molasses, round lots, 28c; jobbing lots, 24c to 25c. Syrups, 18-4c to 2 1-2c as to quality. Valencia raisins from 5 1-2c to 6c. Coffee, Rio, 12 to 16c; Mocha and Java, 21c to 26c.

CANNED TOMATOES.

Interest in new crop canned tomatoes has increased in proportion with reports from packing centres that the output from the factories will in all probability fall much below the average of recent years and that in many cases packers are already over sold. Within the past week there has been an advance of 5c to 7 1-2c per dozen in the prices of southern goods for forward shipment and the market is still tending upward, owing it is said, in great measure to urgent demands from western packers who are compelled to buy in order to make good their contracts, their own crops being inadequate. Up to 80c has been paid within a day or two for large lines of Marylands and Delawares f.o.b. Baltimore, it is reported, to go west. Old stocks have been very closely cleaned up, the practice of retail sellers in using tomatoes as a leader at exceptionally low prices having caused a larger consumption, it is understood, than might have been the case had selling prices been based upon actual cost. Canned tomatoes have never been so cheap as during the past year or two, sellers say, but now in view of the prospective short crops in all parts of the country it seems to be expected that prices will go back to the figures which prevailed before the general depression in business and the curtailing of consumption caused by the break in quotations which inaugurated a period of exceptionally low prices. The scarcity of fruit in the producing districts and the comparatively high prices obtainable for green stock are said to be inducing the farmers to resort to subterfuges in order to avoid meeting contracts they made at the beginning of the season.—Montreal Journal of Commerce.

ITALY'S SHORT CROP.

Rome, Sept. 18.—According to the official statistics, the wheat harvest in Italy is estimated at 30,000,000 hectolitres against 51,000,000 hectolitres in 1896.

Oats were 1-4c per bushel higher at 29 1-4c to 29 1-2c in store at Montreal on Monday last.

It is reported that Hon. William Pugsley is negotiating for the construction of a railway to open the Edmonton route to the Yukon.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Winnipeg, Saturday, Sept. 18.

The outlook continues favorable. There has been some rain, but not to very materially interfere with the work of saving the crop, which is now nearly all safely in stack and threshing is going on actively. Deliveries of wheat by farmers at country elevators have been heavy for this date and with continued favorable weather a large part of the crop will be easily shipped out before navigation closes. Business in wholesale trade is generally good and there is a marked upward tendency in prices in many lines.

WINNIPEG MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Saturday Afternoon, Sept. 18.

COAL.

The cool weather which set in last Thursday has drawn attention again to the coal trade. The Souris coal mines have been considerably increased this summer in their output capacity and a good trade is expected in this native soft coal, as several stoves adapted to burning this coal have been placed on the market during the last year or two and these stoves have been coming into use. It is expected coal prices will rule the same as last winter, when the retail price was \$10 per ton for Pennsylvania anthracite, \$9.50 for western anthracite, \$6.50 for Lethbridge bituminous, and \$4.50 for Souris lignite.

DRUGS.

Cod liver oil is firm. Advices from the east report an advance of 10 to 15c on Norwegian oil. Cream of tartar has advanced 1c abroad. See quotations on another page.

FISH.

Local jobbing prices are as follows for fresh fish: White 5 1-2c, pickerel 4c, trout 9c, salmon 12c, halibut, 10c per lb; kippered goldeyes, 30c per dozen. Oysters are quoted at \$2.50 per gallon in bulk.

GROCERIES.

The most important change in prices this week is an advance of 1c on Prince of Wales chewing, which is the principal chewing tobacco handled here. This advance is said to be due to a better understanding of the late tariff changes. Manufacturers are beginning to find out exactly what the tariff on raw leaf now means, in regard to the effect it has in increasing the cost of the manufactured article. The duty is 14c on stemmed and 10c on unstemmed leaf. The price of tobacco was advanced 15c shortly after the duty was put on, and the advance this week therefore makes 16c on Prince of Wales since the duty on leaf tobacco went into effect.

Another new feature in the trade this week is a drop of 25c per case on Eddy's matches, thereby reducing the prices to \$3.60 for Telegraph, \$3.40 for Telephone and \$3.25 for Tiger. This drop is said to be owing to competition from cheaper brands of matches. The Eddy matches pretty nearly control the trade here, and owing to the basis on which these matches are handled, dealers are hardly open to deal in other brands.

The feature of the dried fruit market is the scarcity of prunes, of which there are practically none here of any

description. California prunes will be to hand about the middle of October. A limited quantity of new eastern Valencia raisins have been brought in and some eastern loose Muscatels are expected, but there will be no large supply until California fruit arrives, early in October. See quotations on another page.

GREEN FRUITS.

The great bulk of the business doing is still in Pacific coast states plums, peaches and pears, which are having a very large sale at steady prices. Pears are a little lower. The goods are arriving in very choice condition and there is no trouble whatever in reshipping these goods to the most remote country points. They can be shipped direct from the cars without any picking over and without any fear that country receivers will find fault with the fruit. Dealers say they are paying very large sums in freight and duty on fruit from the Pacific coast states, and they would prefer to see this money remain in Canada, if they could get fruit in good condition from Canadian fruit districts. Up to the present time, however, Canadian fruit has never been received here in fit condition to re-ship, without a great deal of labor and loss of time in picking over, and even after this has been done, every batch of Canadian fruit sent out to the country trade is sure to be followed by a large list of complaints from country dealers with demands for rebates. It has got to this condition that wholesalers here dislike to handle Canadian fruit, as they know it means loss and endless annoyance. This applies to peaches, pears, plums and crabs. Ontario apples and grapes are an exception. Ontario grapes are late this year, as the crop is one or two weeks later than usual. The first car of Concordis will be in some time next week. Some Champions have been in, but they are not a favorite variety. Very fine Montana crabs are offering in bushel boxes, but it is not expected they will be coming forward much longer. Prices are as follows: Bananas per bunch, \$2 to \$2.50; California lemons, \$5 to \$5.50 a box; tomatoes, \$2.50 per bushel baskets; Pacific coast plums \$1.25 to \$1.40 for four basket crate; California peaches, \$1.25 to \$1.40 per box; Washington and Oregon pears, \$1.75 to \$2 per box; blueberries, very scarce, 8 to 10c lb; apples, \$3.75 to \$4.25 per barrel; Southern grapes, 50c for 8 lb. basket; California grapes, \$3 per crate for tokays; and \$2 to \$2.50 for muscat. Montana crabs \$2.40 to \$2.50 per bushel box.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS.

There is a brisk demand for glass. White lead is very firm. Manufacturers have advanced prices about 12 1-2 or 15c per 100 pounds, and this has a strong tendency on the local market. We advance prices this week 15c. The general feeling in all staples is one of firmness, particularly for linseed oil. See quotations on another page.

HARDWARE.

There is a very strong tendency for almost every staple of the hardware trade. Metals are very firm. All advices from other markets speak of an advance in the prices. Manufacturers report business active, and they are taking advantage of the situation to put up prices. Iron pipe is higher all around in first hands and there is a strong probability of an early advance here, though no advance has actually gone

into effect yet in the local market. Lead and lead pipe are very firm, and prices in other markets have advanced sharply. Sheet zinc is higher here. In some lines manufacturers are withdrawing prices.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

WHEAT—The downward tendency in wheat this week has been rather disappointing to the bull element, though after such a sharp advance a moderate reaction should not cause much surprise. A drop of about 6c in a week, however, is quite a change from the rapid advances recorded of late. Locusts were reported to be causing depredations to the crops in Argentine, but a later report said indications were very favorable for a big crop. The wheat area of Argentine is said to be 20 per cent. greater than last year, and if a big crop is saved, it will make wheat supplies more liberal in the early part of next year, when the Argentine crop comes to market. Heavy rains were reported from India, and crop prospects are said to be good in that country. Reports from Ontario say the new wheat is lacking in strength and makes a weak flour. This should lead to a good home milling demand for Manitoba wheat for mixing with the eastern wheats, to tone up the flour.

In Manitoba threshing has been going on actively, and though there has been some delays by rain, a great deal of threshing has been done. The majority of reports state that the yield is less than was previously estimated, though some say wheat is turning out equal to earlier estimates and an occasional report says the yield is better than previous estimates. The amount of wheat delivered by farmers at country elevators to date this season is very large compared with most previous seasons. This is owing to favorable weather for threshing and harvesting. Much of the wheat delivered at elevators is held by farmers, but a good deal has also been sold. The sample of wheat is generally light and good. About 200,000 bushels per day have been delivered at country elevators. Prices in Manitoba country markets were dropped 2c to 80c for No. 1 hard on Monday at average freight rate points, and prices were about 1c lower again on Wednesday, ranging from 78c to 80c per bushels to farmers at country points. It is expected prices will be dropped in the country 1c to 2c to-day. In this market No. 1 hard sold about Fort William at about 95 to 96c, according to the variation in outside markets. On Thursday sales were made at 95c for new wheat, Fort William, but at the close yesterday, 93 to 93 1-2c was the quotation.

FLOUR—The market is unchanged. Prices to the local trade here are quoted as follows as to brand: Patent \$2.60 to \$2.65; bakers', \$2.40 to \$2.45; XXXX, \$1.45 to \$1.50 per sack of 98 lbs. to the local trade delivered in the city. Feed grade of flour, \$1 per sack.

MILLFEED—Bran is quoted at \$8 per ton and shorts at \$10 per ton. Small lots about \$1 per ton more.

BARLEY—A few loads of new barley have sold at 30c per bushel of 48 pounds.

OATS.—Prices are unchanged. There is very little doing in oats. New oats will not move, much for some time as all facilities will be taxed to handle the big rush of wheat, and no one seems to care about handling oats while the wheat rush is on. The crop

is much better quality than last year, though the yield is light. Demand slow for either old or new. Holders ask 28c to 30c for cars of old feed oats on the track here, per bushel of 34 pounds, as to quality. In the country car lots are held at 20c to 24c as to quality and position, the latter depending on freight rates to point of consumption.

GROUND FEED—Ground feed is held at \$16 to \$18 per ton, as to quality.

OATMEAL—The market is firm and \$1.70 is asked in lots to retail dealers for rolled.

BUTTER—Creamery—The local butter market has been very firm, and there has been sharp buying to pick up the few remaining lots held by factories. Some of the factories have closed down and others are preparing to close. Most of the creameries will likely be closed by the end of the month. Most of the make has been picked up and is now held in strong hands, and the sharp advance in prices is due to the keen competition to pick up the remaining lots. 19c has been paid to factories for fresh goods, and we have heard that as high as 20c was paid in at least one case.

BUTTER—Dairy—There is considerable strength also in dairy butter. Most of the make is said to be held in few hands and the few round lots in the country are held at higher prices than dealers care to pay. Higher prices have been paid this week, good round lots bringing 12 to 13c, but some country holders are hanging out for 14c. Local prices for both dairy and creamery are high in comparison with eastern markets, as a comparison of prices with Montreal will show, allowing for freight and other shipping charges.

CHEESE—The market is very firm and high prices have been paid to factories to secure the balance of the season's make. We quote 81-2c to 9c to factories.

EGGS—The local market keeps firm. We quote 14c net this week.

POULTRY—Prices are the same. Old fowl bring 45c per pair, and spring chicken 80 to 40c. Ducks are offering freely at 50 to 60c per pair. Turkeys nominal at 9 to 10c per lb. live weight.

GAME—A good many wild ducks have been offering. Dealers have paid 15 to 30c per pair for them, as to quality.

LARD—Prices are: Pure, \$1.70 for 20 lb. pails, and \$4.15 for 50 lb. pails; pure leaf lard, in 3, 5 and 10 lb. tins, quoted at \$5.75 per case of 60 pounds; tereos 7-3-4c per lb.

CURED MEATS—Prices are very firm and stocks are well cleared up. The prices are as follows: Smoked meats, hams, assorted sizes, 12 1-2 to 13c; breakfast bacon, bellies, 12 to 12 1-2c; do., backs, 10 1-2 to 11c; short spiced rolls, 9 to 9 1-2c; shoulders, 8 1-2 to 9c; smoked long clear, 9 1-2 to 10c; dry salt meats are quoted; long clear bacon, 8 1-2 to 9c per lb.; shoulders, 8 to 8 1-2c; boneless shoulders, 8 to 8 1-2c; backs 9 to 9 1-4c, barrelled pork clear mess, \$13 to \$13.50; short cut, \$15.50 to \$16; rolls \$14.50 to \$15 per barrel. Pork sundries, bologna sausage, 6 1-2c; ham, chicken and tongue sausage, 10c per package; pickled hocks, 8c; pickled tongues, 5c; sausage castings, 20 to 25c; per lb. Pickled pigs feet, \$1.50 per pail.

DRESSED MEATS—Beef is selling at 4c to 5c as to quality. Mutton ranges from 5 to 6c as to quality. Dressed hogs are firm at 6 1-2c; veal,

5 to 7c; lambs, 7 to 8c as to quality.

HIDES—One dealer reported he had a wire on Thursday saying hides had dropped 8-4c in the States. Green city hides are quoted at 6 1-2 to 7c for No 1; country hides 5 1-2c to 6c in the country, flat rates for all grades; calfskins, 8 to 15 pound skins, 7c to 8c per pound; deskins 10c to 20c each; kips 5c to 7c; sheepskins, fresh take o.f., 20c to 30c lambskins, 20c to 25c. We heard of 50c being paid for one lot of lambskins. Horsehides 75c to \$1.25.

SENECA ROOT—Slow at about 16c per lb here.

WOOL—Some small lots are coming in. The market is steady. We quote 8 to 9 1-2 here for unwashed fleeces.

TALLOW—Quiet and easy at 3 1-2c for No. 1 and 2 to 2 1-2c for other grades, as to quality.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes are selling at 25c per bushel for loads on the street. Tomatoes are abundant and lower, the offerings of local tomatoes being very large. Beets, turnips, rhubarb, lettuce, radishes and onions in bunches, 5c to 8c per dozen bunches; cauliflower 1 3-4c per lb.; cabbage 20 to 25c per dozen; celery 15 to 20c per dozen bunches; onions per lb., 1 to 1 1-4c; cucumbers, 10c to 12 1-2c per dozen; green corn 6 to 8c per dozen ears; tomatoes 1 to 1 1-2c per lb.; green tomatoes 30c per bushel; citrus 1 1-2c to 2c per lb.; squash 1 1-2c per lb., pumpkins 1c lb.

HAY—Loose hay on the street market sells at \$4.00 per ton and shippers are asking \$4.50 to \$5 for baled in the country, equal to \$5.50 to \$6 here.

BERRIES—Wild plums are offering freely at 50c per pail.

WOOD—Tamarac, \$4.25 to \$4.50; inc, \$4 to \$4.25; poplar, \$3 to \$3.25 for car lots on track here, per cord.

LIVE STOCK.

CATTLE—Shipments continue to go to the United States and buyers are operating throughout Manitoba and are picking up all the young cattle they can get hold of to ship to the States. They are paying \$10 to \$12 per head for yearlings, and 15 to \$18 for two years old, for the ordinary run, with higher prices for choice cattle. Butchers' cattle range from 2c for rough common, up to 2 1-2 for the ordinary run of cattle, and 2 3-4c for choice. Exporters, 3 to 3 1-4c. Exporters are shipping this week quite heavily.

SHEEP—A couple of loads were in the first of the week and sold at about \$2.60 per 100 pounds. Lambs rather scarce at 3 1-2 to 4c or about \$2.50 to \$3.25 each.

HOGS—The market is firm and deliveries are light, as farmers are busy with the harvest. We quote Choice bacon hogs weighing 150 to 250 pounds, \$4.75 per 100 lbs.; 250 to 300 lbs., \$4.25; heavy hogs over 300 lbs., \$3.50 to \$3.75, as to quality, off cars here.

British Columbia Business Notes

At a meeting recently at Fort Steele the organization of a board of trade was completed and the necessary papers for registration have been forwarded to Ottawa. J. A. Harvey was elected chairman and Wm. Balke secretary.

King & Patterson, hotel, Albert Canyon, are applying for a license.

Spratt Bros., hotel and store, Edward's Creek, have sold out to N. G. Armstrong.

The Fort Steele Mercantile Co. Ltd. (head office, Spokane, Wash.) has been incorporated.

C. P. Hudson is opening in boots and shoes at Golden.

John F. Barber, livery, Kamloops, has sold out to Thomas Costley.

A. McLugan, baker, Kamloops, has sold out to Johnston & Barber.

Kuciat & Bray are opening in dry goods at Kaslo.

E L Morand, hotel, Lumby, is adding groceries.

D. M. Carley, commission, Nelson; style now Carley & Peel.

A. Ferland & Co., of Mattawa, Ont., and Kaslo, B. C., have opened a general store at Nelson.

C. Harrington is opening in fruit, confectionery, etc., at Nelson.

Samuel Trapp, dyer, Nelson, is deceased.

J. J. Walker, of Portage la Prairie, Man., is opening in jewelry at Nelson.

Bagnell & Etnier, Northern hotel, Rossland, have sold out to Wilson & McKinnon.

The Canadian Key Opening Can Co Ltd., Rossland, has been incorporated. Gimore & McCandless, clothing, etc., Rossland, advertise closing out sale.

Alex. Mason, tailor, is opening business at Rossland.

The Merchants Bank of Halifax is opening a branch at Rossland.

Thomas & Greig, r. liquors, Rossland, advertise a discount. Business continued under the style of D. Thomas & Co.

The Nelson Saw Mill Co., Rossland, is applying for a winding-up order.

McLean & Morrow, drugs, Rossland and Trail; R. E. Strong is reported to have bought out the Trail business.

A. McGuire & Co., have opened in fruits, vegetables, etc., at Salmon Arm.

D. W. French & Co., general storekeepers, Salmon Arm, are out of business and succeeded by H. Giegerich.

J. E. Williams, hotel, Slocan City, assigned to Frank Granville.

E. D. McFadden, Slocan City Pioneer, is reported to have sold to Butler & Keane.

Horton Bros., general store, Silverton, reported sold out to Crawford & McMillan.

Louis Nadelman, general store, Sturgeon, has assigned to Sol. Oppenheimer.

Jas. Clulnon is opening in boots and shoes at Trail.

Frank Hanna, wholesale liquors, Trail, is reported to be going out of this branch and starting a saloon.

J. C. Edwards, produce, etc., Trail, reported away.

California Fruit Co., Vancouver, have given up business.

The False Creek Feed & Produce Co., has opened business at Vancouver.

MANITOBA WHEAT MOVEMENT.

Receipts of wheat at Fort William for the week ended September 11, aggregated 170,514 bushels, the shipments were 78,995 bushels and the quantity in store was 410,122 bushels. Stocks in store a year ago were 1,651,000 bushels.

WHEAT STOCKS IN CANADA.

Montreal	226,000
Toronto	25,000
Kingston	
Winnipeg	141,000
Manitoba elevators	375,000
Fort William, Port Arthur and Keewatin	394,000

Total, Sept. 6. ... 1,161,000